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THIS SCHOOL'S STUDENT COUNCIL IS GENERALLY SELECTED IN A RATHER STRANGE WAY— BY A POPULARITY CONTEST.
HEKIYO PRIVATE ACA-DEMY

...THE STUDENT COUNCIL IS ALMOST ALWAYS MADE UP ENTIRELY OF PHYSICALLY ATTRACTIVE GIRLS.
YEAH.
SEE YA.
...BUT PRETTY GIRLS ARE ADMIRED BY BOYS AND GIRLS ALIKE...
PERHAPS BECAUSE HANDSOME GUYS ARE SOMETIMES DISTRUSTED BY OTHER BOYS...

...FOR SOME TIME THE STUDENT COUNCIL ROOM OF HEKIYO PRIVATE ACADEMY HAS BEEN KNOWN AS...
HEYYY!
CLICK

AND BECAUSE IT'S THE GATHERING PLACE OF THESE CAREFULLY SELECTED LOVELY LADIES...

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HM?
ARE YOU HERE BY YOURSELF, MADAM PRESIDENT?
TODAY IT'S CHIZURU'S TURN TO HELP WITH THE CLASS CHORES.
?
FIGURED WHAT OUT?
BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, SUGISAKI, I FIGURED IT OUT.
かり？…
CLATTER...
パタン
SLAM

THE WORLD IS NOT BORING.
BAM
YOU HAVE BECOME A BORING PERSON.
HAS SHE BEEN GETTING WEIRD IDEAS FROM SOME NEW BOOK AGAIN?
BUT...
CREAK
I KINDA GET IT.
IT'S TRUE THAT NOTHING'S EVER AS FUN AS IT WAS THE VERY FIRST TIME.
FIRST REBELLION...
FIRST BEST FRIEND...
MY FIRST RELATIONSHIP..
FIRST SUCCESS..
AND..

"UHM... I... I'M NOT VERY CONFIDENT ABOUT MY BREASTS... SO I'M ACTUALLY... EMBARRASSED TO TAKE MY TOP OFF..."
...MY FIRST EROTIC VIDEO GAME.
「あの…私…。胸自信ないから…やっぱり…上を脱ぐのは恥ずかしくて…
優佳 YUUKA
LOAD
SAVE

WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT IT THAT WAY...
SO IT'S NOT SO BAD TO BE A VIRGIN AFTER ALL, RIGHT?
OFF

HOW ON EARTH DID YOU GET THAT FROM WHAT I JUST SAID?!
YOU UNDER-ESTIMATE ME, MADAM PRESI-DENT.
COUGH COUGH

JUST AS FRUIT LOSES ITS FLAVOR WITH TIME, THE MORE YOU EXPERIENCE SOMETHING, THE LESS FRESH IT FEELS. IT GETS BORING.
SO EVERY "FIRST TIME" IS LIKE THE FLAVOR THAT KEEPS LIFE ENJOYABLE.

I AM AWARE.
MY BRAIN'S CIRCUITRY ALL HEADS STRAIGHT IN THAT DIRECTION.
TAP TAP
ARE YOU SURE YOUR BRAIN'S NOT ABOUT TO SHORT OUT?
ANYWAY, YOU NEED TO BE MORE AWARE OF YOUR POSITION AS VICE-PRESIDENT.
I AM FULLY AWARE THAT THIS STUDENT COUNCIL IS MY HAREM--
ALL RIGHT, LET'S START WITH BANISHING THAT THOUGHT BEFORE WE WORK ON ANYTHING ELSE.
SERIOUSLY, SUGISAKI...
THAT IS KURUMU SAKURANO.
SHE IS HEKIYO PRIVATE ACADEMY'S STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT.

SHE IS PHENOMENALLY CUTE, ENOUGH THAT SHE WAS ELECTED PRESIDENT THE WAY ONE MIGHT WIN A BEAUTY CONTEST.
NOW I HAVE TO MAKE MORE TEA...
SHE'S ADORABLY SHORT AND PETITE
WIPE WIPE
..AND TRIES TO COMPENSATE BY CONSTANTLY OVEREXTENDING HERSELF
SO MUCH THAT SHE EVEN BECAME STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT...
I'M STUDENT PRESIDENT!
...AND SHE SCOLDS ME SO EARNESTLY DURING THESE GOOFY CONVER-SATIONS...
...ALL OF IT IS SO CUTE.
SHE'S EVERY GUY'S FAN-TASY COME TRUE.

AND I.. KEN SUGISAKI...
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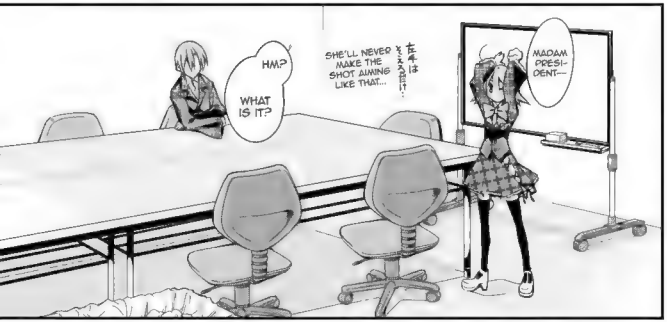

MADAM PRESI-DENT--
SHE'LL NEVER MAKE THE SHOT AIMING LIKE THAT...
HM?
WHAT IS IT?

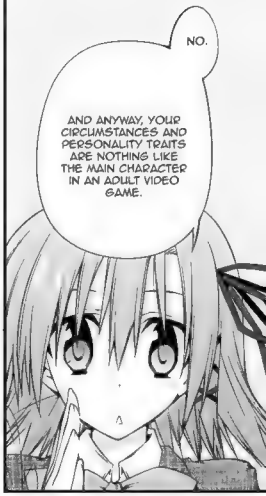
HOW CAN YOU SAY "I LOVE YOU" SO CASUALLY?
WOBBLE...
BECAUSE I MEAN IT.

I LOVE YOU. PLEASE GO OUT WITH ME.
WHAAA?!
SHOCK
POO

嘘ッ!!
LIAR!!
DON'T TELL ME YOU'VE FORGOTTEN THE VERY FIRST WORDS OUT OF YOUR MOUTH WHEN YOU FIRST SHOWED UP TO THE STUDENT COUNCIL.
STARE
じぃっ
UMM...
WELL THEN
I'M NOT INTERESTED IN REGULAR HUMANS. ARE THERE ANY ALIENS OR FUTURE PEO--
WAIT, NOT ONLY DID YOUR CHARACTER CHANGE, THIS IS STARTING TO SOUND LIKE COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT
WE WILL BE TAKING OVER THE EARTH.
I TOLD YOU, CUT IT OUT BEFORE WE GET IN TROUBLE!
GEDOGEDOGEDO
DON'T WORRY-- I'LL STOP HIM!
WAS THAT IT?
WHO EXACTLY WOULD YOU BE FIGHTING IN THE STUDENT COUNCIL ROOM?!

I LOVE YOU! ALL OF YOU!! PLEASE GO OUT WITH ME! I'LL MAKE YOU ALL SO HAPPY!!
THAT WAS IT.
I'M JOKING.
.....
HAHH HAHH
THAT'S RIGHT, AND AT THAT MOMENT THE WHOLE COUNCIL KNEW EXACTLY HOW IRRESPONSIBLE YOU WERE.
PHEW
WHO ON EARTH WOULD EVER AGREE TO BE WITH A GUY WHO CAME RIGHT OUT AND SAID HE'D DATE ANYONE AT ALL?!
HOW RUDE. I'M NOT INTERESTED IN ANYONE BUT HOTTIES.
HNPH
THAT'S NOT THE POINT!
THE VERY FACT THAT YOU SWORE YOUR LOVE TO MULTIPLE PEOPLE AT ONCE SHOWS HOW INSINCERE YOU ARE!
ISN'T IT BETTER THAN A MAIN CHARACTER WHO CAN'T MAKE UP HIS MIND?
ISN'T IT MORE GRACIOUS TO ANNOUNCE STRAIGHT AWAY THAT I'M TRYING TO TAKE THE HAREM ROUTE?

WHY WOULD JUST THAT MAKE YOU THE MAIN CHARACTER?
EVEN THOUGH I LOVE GIRLS THIS MUCH?!


NO.
AND ANYWAY, YOUR CIRCUMSTANCES AND PERSONALITY TRAITS ARE NOTHING LIKE THE MAIN CHARACTER IN AN ADULT VIDEO GAME.

SHUT UP.
YOU SEEM TO KNOW A LOT ABOUT THIS.

BESIDES, THE WOMAN CHASER IS USUALLY A SUPPORTING CHARACTER, LIKE THE HERO'S FRIEND OR SOMETHING.

TOSS
I'VE GOTTA START DOING BETTER.

SUBI-SAKI...

I SEE, SO I'M SEEN AS A SUPPORTING CHARACTER RIGHT NOW, HUH?
SCOOP

YOU...
YOU'RE SOMETIMES KIND OF THOUGHTFUL...
...OR EVEN KIND. UNCONSCIOUSLY
SMILE
TH-THAT'S SOME EXTRA-ORDINARY HORNDOG POWER YOU'VE GOT THERE...
WELL, AT THE END OF THE HAREM ROUTE, I'LL BE NEEDING SOME EXTRAORDINARY VITALITY.
YOUR AFFECTION FOR ME GOES WAY UP WHEN THERE'S A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THAT AND MY NORMAL BEHAVIOR, RIGHT?
YOU'RE DOING IT ON PURPOSE?!
PLEASE DON'T TELL ME WHAT YOU'LL BE NEEDING IT FOR.
AREN'T YOU PROVING THAT YOU ALREADY KNOW WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT?
I STARTED DOING IT TO MAKE GIRLS LIKE ME, AND THEN IT BECAME A HABIT.
NOW I DO IT ALMOST UNCON-SCIOUSLY, LIKE YOU SAID.
AH...
HEY, KEY...

YOU SHOULDN'T TEASE LITTLE KIDS LIKE THAT.
I'M NOT AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENT. I DON'T TEASE THE GIRLS I LIKE...
CHIZURU!
DA-DUNNN
I WAS JUST HUMILIATING HER!
THAT SOUNDS EVEN MORE MALICIOUS.
WELL, WHETHER OR NOT IT WAS MALICIOUS, I SEE MY HAREM HAS LOW ATTENDANCE TODAY.
IT'S NOT YOUR HAREM. IT'S THE STUDENT COUNCIL.
SECRETARY CHIZURU AKABA

AND LATELY WHENEVER WE DO ATTEND, ALL WE DO IS EAT SNACKS AND CHAT ANYWAY.
NO.
WELL, IT'S FINE, ISN'T IT? THERE AREN'T ANY UPCOMING EVENTS TO PREPARE FOR.
RECREATION
PHONE CALLS CAN HELP, BUT IN GENERAL A GIRL'S AFFECTION FOR YOU WILL NEVER GROW UNLESS YOU MEET HER IN PERSON.
IN DATING SIMS, THERE ARE USUALLY SPECIFIC GIRLS AT PREDETERMINED PLACES, RIGHT?
2F
YOU SAY THAT LIKE I'D KNOW...
IN OTHER WORDS, IF YOU DON'T COME TO THE STUDENT COUNCIL ROOM, THEN OUR LOVE WILL NEVER BLOSSOM!
AHH.

ZZOOM!
URKK...
SMACK!
SO THAT'S WHY THE OTHER TWO DON'T COME.
YOU'VE COME TO HELP FOSTER THE LOVE BETWEEN US, RIGHT, CHIZURU?
CLENCH
B... BUT...
EWAAH!
TUMBLE
UH... YEAH... THAT'S IT.
UNGHK!
THUDD
WOBBLE
AH, BUT THIS TYPE OF COOL CHARACTER IS ALWAYS REALLY INTENSE ONCE THEY FALL FOR SOMEONE.

WHEN I WAS IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, I SENT SO MANY LETTERS TO MY FIRST LOVE-- JUST SAYING "I LOVE YOU" OVER AND OVER AGAIN--, THAT HE HAD A MENTAL BREAKDOWN.
I'M REALLY INTENSE.
THAT'S RIGHT.
I WAS SURPRISED BY HOW FRAGILE HE WAS AND GOT OVER HIM.
I LOVE YOU I LOVE YOU I LOVE YOU I LOVE YOU I LOVE YOU I LOVE YOU
WHAT DO YOU SAY, KEY?
I UNDER-STAND.
EH?!
I...
EVEN AFTER HEARING THAT YOU'LL ACCEPT ME, JUST AS I AM?
SQUEEZE

PSHHHOO

WELL THEN... NEXT PROBLEM...

EH?!
CHIZURU...

...WILL STRIVE FOR A PURELY PHYSICAL RELATIONSHIP WITH YOU, CHIZURU.
CHIZURU♥

MMMM ♥
KISSING NOISE

SPIN
N...NO I WON'T. IT WILL ALL GO TO MY HEIGHT AND MY CHEST.
TWITCH
MADAM PRESIDENT... IF YOU KEEP EATING THOSE YOU'LL GET FAT.
BUT THERE'S A BIG POSSIBILITY THAT IT WILL ALL GO TO YOUR STOMACH.
NGH...
NNNGH
THAT'S IT.
THE ANSWER TO THE NEXT QUESTION IS...
.....
"TEENAGE OBESITY."
CRUNCH
NOM!
AH...

EVEN IF I'M NOT PRETTY ANYMORE...
EVEN IF I GET FAT, WILL YOU STILL SAY YOU LOVE ME?

ALL RIGHT, MADAM PRESIDENT. IF NOBODY WANTS YOU ANYMORE...
EH

SUCH A PRACTICAL ADVICE!!
...THEN YOU CAN LIVE FOR YOUR WORK.

YOU CAN DO IT! KEEP YOUR PLACE IN MY HAREM!
AAHH...

SO THERE WOULD BE NO REASON TO DATE ME IF I GOT FAT?!
HEY, I WAS GIVING YOU A PEP TALK.

AH... FOR SOME REASON, I'M SUDDENLY NOT SO WORRIED ABOUT GETTING FAT.

SORRY WE'RE LATE!
S-SORRY.
DON'T WORRY--WE WERE JUST CHATTING, LIKE ALWAYS.
WHAT WERE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
MEOW
SO IT'S NOT THE WORLD BUT YOU YOURSELF WHO'S BECOME BORING... I SEE.
THAT'S RIGHT. IS THAT TRUE OF YOU TWO AT ALL?
FOR ME IT'S PROBABLY... COSMETICS.
MAKEUP?
MINATSU SHIINA
MAFUYU SHIINA

I WAS SO HAPPY WHEN I BOUGHT MY FIRST COSMETICS IN JUNIOR HIGH.
WHEN I WAS A LITTLE GIRL I WATCHED MY MOM PUTTING ON MAKEUP AND REALLY ADMIRED HER.
BUT IT TURNS OUT I DON'T ACTUALLY LIKE HAVING MAKEUP ON ALL THAT MUCH...
...SO LATELY I ONLY DO THE BARE MINIMUM.
I GUESS IT'S A BIT OF A FAILURE ON MY PART, AS A GIRL.
IT'S NOT A FAILURE.
YOU'RE SO CUTE TO BEGIN WITH, MAFUYU, THAT YOU ONLY NEED A TINY BIT OF MAKEUP..
...TO BRING OUT THAT NATURAL BEAUTY.
SQUEEZE
SUGISAKI...

SLAP
DON'T TRY TO SEDUCE MY LITTLE SISTER RIGHT IN FRONT OF ME.
ARE YOU JEALOUS?
DON'T WORRY, I'M WELL AWARE OF YOUR CHARMS, MINATSU.
MAFUYU
MINATSU
KEN
LIKE THE FACT THAT IF I MARRY YOU, MAFUYU WILL BECOME MY DEAR LITTLE SISTER AS WELL.
SO YOU'RE JUST AFTER MAFUYU AFTER ALL!
I ALWAYS WONDERED WHY YOU WERE LIKE THIS.
GRIPE
SHE'S JEALOUS WHEN I DON'T PAY ATTENTION TO JUST HER...
WHAT A CUTE GIRL.
WHAT MAKES YOU THINK I'M JEALOUS?! YOU'RE SO CERTAIN, IT'S SCARY..
SHIVER
WE'RE TOTALLY ON THE SAME WAVE-LENGTH! I MUST BE CLOSING IN ON MY GOAL. ♥
I WANNA KILL HIM...
THERE THERE

HAREM BANZAI! I'M SO GLAD I JOINED THE STUDENT COUNCIL.
MMM... I NEVER GET TIRED OF THIS VIEW.

I THINK MY FACE LOOKS BOTH INTELLIGENT AND BEAUTIFUL.
YOU'RE RIGHT. HE JUST LOOKS LIKE A REGULAR SEX-OBSESSED BOY.
HE SURE DOESN'T LOOK LIKE IT, THOUGH.
OH YEAH, KEY GOT IN BECAUSE OF HIS ACADEMIC STANDING, DIDN'T HE?

THERE ARE TWO WAYS TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THIS SCHOOL'S STUDENT COUNCIL.
OH, YOU DIDN'T KNOW?

UMM... WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "ACADEMIC STANDING"?

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

THIS SYSTEM WAS ESTABLISHED TO MAKE UP FOR THE WEAKNESSES OF THE ELECTED POSITIONS. THE STUDENT THAT EARNS THE HIGHEST SCORE ON THE FINAL EXAMS MAY CHOOSE TO JOIN THE NEXT YEAR'S STUDENT COUNCIL. THIS MAKES IT POSSIBLE TO INCLUDE HIGHLY COMPETENT STUDENTS IN THE COUNCIL, BUT VERY FEW PEOPLE CHOOSE TO JOIN, AND SO THE ACADEMIC POSITIONS ARE USUALLY LEFT EMPTY.

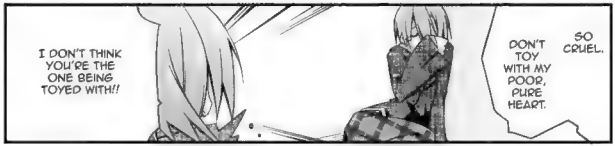
ELECTED POSITIONS

MEMBERS ARE SELECTED THROUGH A POPULARITY VOTE, HELD WITHOUT CANDIDACY ANNOUNCEMENTS OR CAMPAIGNING. STUDENTS WHO ARE ADMIRED IN THEIR EVERYDAY LIVES ARE ELECTED, SO NATURALLY THE MOST CHARISMATIC ARE THE MOST LIKELY TO BE CHOSEN. HOWEVER, THIS DOES NOT GUARANTEE THAT THE ELECTED MEMBERS WILL BE AT ALL SUITED TO THE WORK THAT COMES WITH THE POSITION.

WELL, A PERSON WOULDN'T NORMALLY GO OUT OF THEIR WAY TO GET THE VERY BEST TEST SCORE JUST TO JOIN THE STUDENT COUNCIL.
YOU DID PRETTY WELL, KEN.
AT THE VERY LEAST, THE ACADEMIC POSITIONS SHOULD REQUIRE A MENTAL EVALUATION ON TOP OF GOOD GRADES.
OTHERWISE WE GET PEOPLE LIKE SUSISAKI, WHO ONLY JOIN FOR THEIR OWN LICENTIOUS REASONS!
IF IT'S TO GET INTO A COMMUNITY FULL OF NOTHING BUT GORGEOUS GIRLS, JUST GETTING THE TOP GRADE IS A PIECE OF CAKE!
EVEN IF, HYPOTHETICALLY, THAT PERSON WAS ONE OF THE LOWEST IN HIS CLASS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR...
BUT... A TROUBLEMAKER, HUH...
I SUPPOSE I MUST LOOK THAT WAY TO EVERYONE ELSE...
MAFUYU... SUSISAKI LOOKS REALLY GREAT TO ME.
THAT'S JUST AN ILLUSION! OPEN YOUR EYES!
THAT'S RIGHT. THERE'S NOTHING TO ADMIRE ABOUT THIS TROUBLEMAKER.
SHUDDER
SHATTER

AFTER ALL, I HAVE THE WHOLE STUDENT COUNCIL MADLY IN LOVE WITH ME.
THAT'S RIGHT-- I'M THE LOVE TROUBLE-- MAKER!
JUST WHAT MAKES YOU THINK YOU SUCCEEDED WITH YOUR "HAREM"?
EHH?
えぇ!?
YOU JERK! I HAVEN'T FALLEN FOR YOU EITHER.
STOP MAKING THAT FACE
ARE YOU SAYING THAT YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO'S FALLEN FOR ME SO FAR?!
N... NO WAY.
THEN WHAT DID THAT NIGHT MEAN TO YOU?!
FLINCH...
W-WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

OH COME NOW, MADAM PRESIDENT, YOU'VE BEGGED FOR ME SO MANY TIMES IN MY DREAMS.
LIKE I'D KNOW ABOUT THAT!
SMACK


I DON'T THINK YOU'RE THE ONE BEING TOYED WITH!!
DON'T TOY WITH MY POOR, PURE HEART.
SO CRUEL.

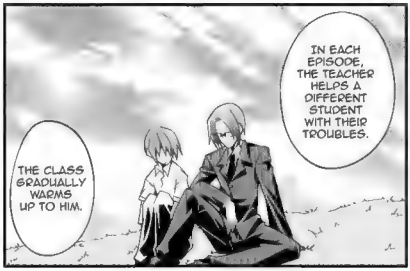
LUST
NO MATTER HOW YOU TRY TO GLOSS OVER IT, THIS LUST-DRENCHED GUY IS WHO I AM!
HE'S ROTTEN.

THAT'S... PROBABLY TRUE, BUT...

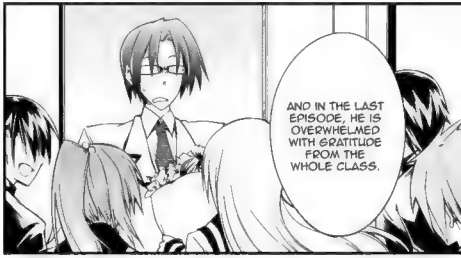
KEY, I DON'T HATE YOU OR ANYTHING...
...BUT IF YOU WANT A HAREM, IT WOULD BE WISE TO ACT JUST A LITTLE MORE SINCERE.

NO ONE'S GONNA MELT FOR YOU.
JUST KNOWING THAT I'LL GET TO WATCH THAT COLDNESS OF YOURS MELT GRADUALLY INTO WARMTH MAKES ME SO HAPPY.
I LOVE IT WHEN YOU'RE COLD.
FLICK
ピッ
IF YOU'RE NOT WARM NOW, I'LL JUST HAVE TO BREAK YOU IN.
AND THAT WOULDN'T GET YOU VERY FAR, ANYWAY.
THAT'S SO BRITISH, IT'S ALMOST QUAINT.
SWSHH
BUT DON'T WORRY.
I'VE THOUGHT OF A WAY TO AVOID THAT.
CHAPTER 1'S HEROINE
CHAPTER 2'S HEROINE
CHAPTER 3'S HEROINE
CHAPTER 4'S HEROINE
CHAPTER 5'S HEROINE
THIS TYPE OF STORY ISN'T ABOUT GRADUALLY EARNING EVERYONE'S AFFECTION AT ONCE, BUT ABOUT WORKING THROUGH EACH PERSON ONE AT A TIME.
HERO
SEE?

AND THIS ISN'T JUST IN DATING SIMS. IT'S IN SCHOOL DRAMAS TOO.


IN EACH EPISODE, THE TEACHER HELPS A DIFFERENT STUDENT WITH THEIR TROUBLES.
THE CLASS GRADUALLY WARMS UP TO HIM.

IN A WAY, HE'S REACHED THE HAREM ENDING.
I FEEL LIKE YOU'VE REALLY RUINED THE ENDINGS OF SCHOOL DRAMAS FOR ME.


AND IN THE LAST EPISODE, HE IS OVERWHELMED WITH GRATITUDE FROM THE WHOLE CLASS.

SO TO MAKE A HAREM, I JUST HAVE TO DO THE SAME THING IN THE STUDENT COUNCIL.

I'LL START WITH MAFUYU, WHO LIKES ME THE MOST TO BEGIN WITH, THEN MOVE ON TO THE PRESIDENT, MINATSU, AND CHIZURU.
AS THE DIFFICULTY LEVEL RISES, I'LL SOOTHE AWAY ALL THE GIRLS' WORRIES, PROBLEMS, AND EMOTIONAL SCARS.
AND ONCE I'VE DONE THAT...OH, WOULD YOU LOOK AT THAT?!

BOO, BOO!!
UNACCEPT-ABLE!
AM I GOING TO BE TAKEN PRISONER?
NOT GONNA HAPPEN.
THE NEXT THING YOU KNOW, YOU'RE ALL MY PRISONERS!

HOW AM I THE SECOND-EASIEST?!
WELL, YOU'VE ALREADY STARTED TO LIKE ME A LITTLE, RIGHT?

LIKE IF YOU SEE ME WALKING WITH A BEAUTIFUL GIRL, YOU GET ALL GRUMPY, RIGHT?
IF I SAW THAT, I'D CALL THE POLICE AND HAVE THEM PROTECT THE GIRL.
WHO IS THAT GIRL?!

GLANCE
THE BAD ENDING FOR ME WOULD BE...
.....

GRRRR
AUGH
THAT SOUNDS AWFULLY JEALOUS OF YOU.
I HOPE YOU GET THE ABSOLUTE WORST BAD ENDING.

WHA?
...PROBABLY WHAT YOU SAID EARLIER, MADAM PRESIDENT.

...IF I EVER REACHED A POINT WHERE I TOOK THIS FOR GRANTED...
IT'S BEEN A MONTH SINCE I JOINED THE STUDENT COUNCIL, AND I'M HAVING MORE FUN THAN I CAN SAY, BUT...
...NO LONGER ABLE TO APPRECIATE THE GOOD THINGS AROUND ME.
I'D BECOME A BORING PERSON...
I KIND OF UNDER-STAND.
AND THERE'S REALLY NO WAY TO AVOID IT JUST BY BEING CAREFUL.
HAPPINESS, JOY, PASSION, PLEASURE... THEY'RE PROBABLY ALL LIKE THAT.
IT'S THE SAME WITH ANY WAY OF LIFE.
ONCE YOUR LIFESTYLE HAS RISEN TO A NEW LEVEL, IT'S HARD TO LOWER YOUR STANDARDS AGAIN.
ONCE YOU EXPERIENCE A SUPERIOR LEVEL, YOU CAN'T BE SATISFIED WITH THE LESSER THINGS ANYMORE, AND YOU KEEP AIMING HIGHER.
BUT AT SOME POINT YOU'LL REACH YOUR LIMIT.
AND ONCE YOU'VE PLATEAUED, THE WORLD WILL FEEL BORING, AND YOU'LL BECOME A BORING PERSON.

NAH, THAT'S BORING.
I SUPPOSE THE ONLY WAY IS TO REACH THE ULTIMATE STATE OF ENLIGHTENMENT.
HOW CAN YOU AVOID THAT?
WELL, I SUPPOSE SOME PEOPLE ARE ABLE TO CONTINUE CLIMBING ALL THEIR LIVES...
...WHILE MOST WILL COMPROMISE SOMEWHERE, AND END UP REASONABLY HAPPY WHERE THEY ARE.
WILL I... BE LIKE THAT TOO?

I'LL WORK FOR A MAJOR COMPANY, DOING AN UNFULFILLING JOB FOR A HIGHER-THAN-AVERAGE SALARY.
EVEN IF I'M PROMOTED, IT'LL ONLY BE TO MIDDLE MANAGEMENT OR SO.
NO MATTER HOW HARD I WORK, I WON'T CHANGE THE WORLD.
AND I'LL KNOW THAT ANY NUMBER OF PEOPLE COULD REPLACE ME.
BUT... I WON'T HAVE THE COURAGE OR ENERGY TO ESCAPE FROM THAT ENVIRONMENT...
...AND I'LL LIVE EACH DAY FEELING THAT IT'S GOOD ENOUGH, I SUPPOSE...
NO WAY.
CLENCH
?

SPLASH
I'LL CREATE A HAREM OF GORGEOUS GIRLS!!

I'LL KEEP CLIMBING TO THE POINT WHERE I'M WAITED UPON BY BEAUTIFUL WOMEN UNTIL I'M SICK OF IT. THEN I'LL COMPROMISE.
EVEN IF I DO COMPROMISE, I'LL WAIT 'TIL I'VE ALREADY MADE IT.
WORKING TOO HARD MAKES ME TIRED.
IT'S MUCH BETTER THAN WORRYING SO MUCH YOU DON'T TRY AT ALL.
PUTTING ASIDE THE HAREM BIT, THAT STANCE ISN'T BAD.
AS FAR AS YOU CAN GO... I LIKE THAT.
SHE'S HOPE-LESS...

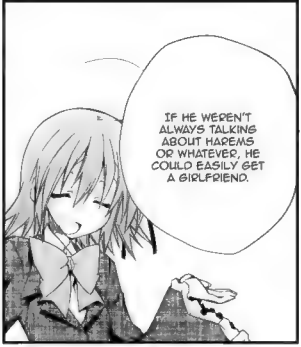
NO-THING.
WHAT IS IT?
SO YOU DID...
HEH HEH
ATE 'EM ALL! ♥
SCARED

THAT'S ANOTHER WAY OF LIVING LIFE.
WE FINISHED THE SNACKS, SO WE MAY AS WELL GO HOME NOW.
EVEN IF SHE'S NOT AIMING HIGHER, IF SHE'S HAPPY AS SHE IS, THEN THAT'S FINE.

ALL RIGHT, TIME FOR ME TO GET TO WORK.

I TOLD YOU, I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY TO HIM.
IS SUGISAKI STAYING BEHIND IN THE STUDENT COUNCIL ROOM AGAIN?
I...
I LIKE SUGISAKI.
HE DOES ALL THE COUNCIL WORK HIMSELF JUST SO HE CAN CHAT WITH US, AND THEN ACTS LIKE NOTHING HAPPENED.
THERE'S NO ONE IN THIS SCHOOL WHO DOESN'T LIKE HIM.

O...OF COURSE I DON'T!
AWW, SWEETIE, SO YOU DO LIKE KEY!

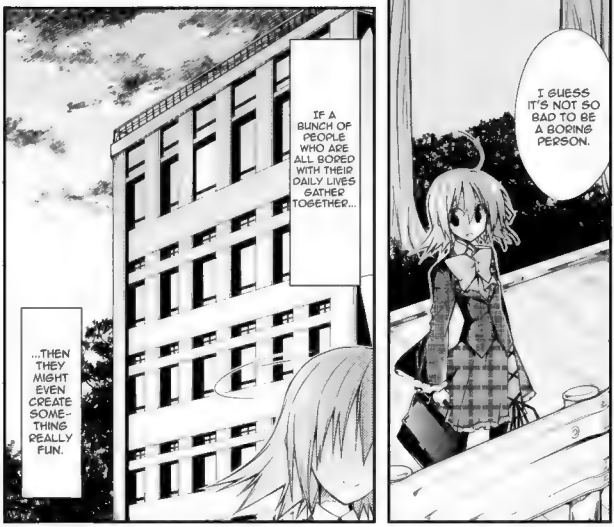

IF HE WEREN'T ALWAYS TALKING ABOUT HAREMS OR WHATEVER, HE COULD EASILY GET A GIRLFRIEND.

IN THAT SENSE, HE REALLY IS LIKE THE TEACHER IN A SCHOOL DRAMA.
I GUESS THE ONLY THING HE DOESN'T DO IS PROVIDE A SAFE REFUGE FOR US.

DESPITE HIS HAREM OBSESSION, HE REALLY MAY BE OUR COUNCIL'S BACKBONE.

WHEN WE'RE TALKING WITH EACH OTHER, WE CAN FORGET OUR TROUBLES AND JUST HAVE FUN.
AND THE ONE WHO CREATES THAT FEELING IS DEFINITELY KEY.
IT'S ALMOST LIKE WE HAVE THE WARMTH OF A FAMILY DINNER TABLE...
... IN OUR STUDENT COUNCIL.
SO HE'S OUR BACKBONE.

I'M... REALLY GRATEFUL.
IT'S FINE.
THIS IS WHAT SUGISAKI WANTS TO DO, SO WE SHOULD RESPECT THAT.
BUT... IS THIS ALL REALLY OKAY?
AND IN RETURN, LET'S DO OUR BEST TO HELP HIM IF HE'S EVER IN TROUBLE.
SPIN
WELL, SEE YA.
YEAH, SEE YOU TOMORROW
BUT YOU WON'T GO OUT WITH HIM.
THAT'S AN ENTIRELY DIFFERENT MATTER!

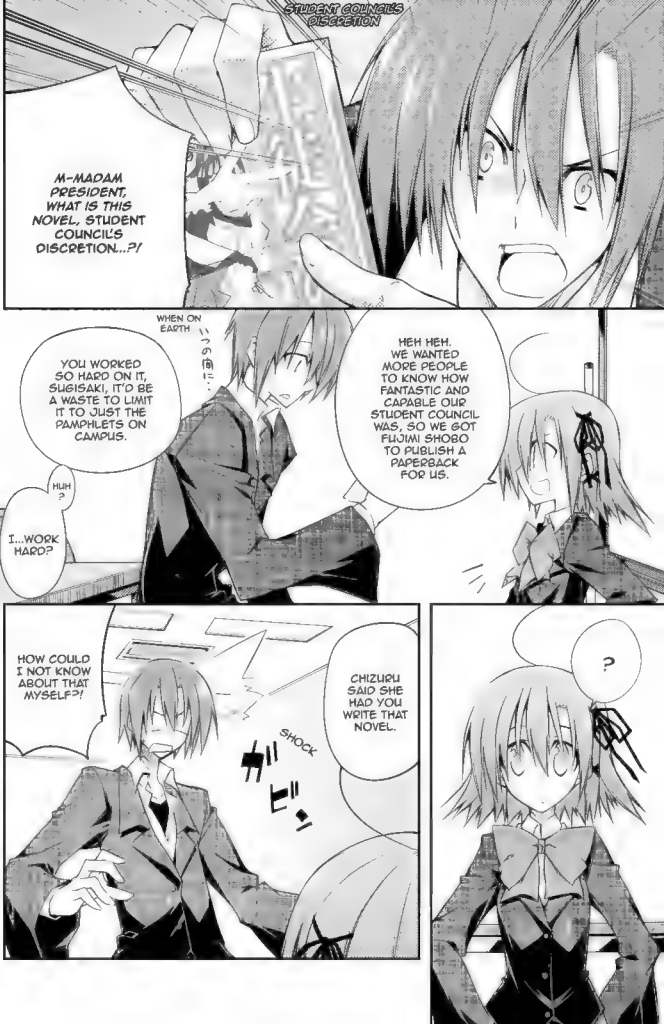

IF A BUNCH OF PEOPLE WHO ARE ALL BORED WITH THEIR DAILY LIVES GATHER TOGETHER...
...THEN THEY MIGHT EVEN CREATE SOME-THING REALLY FUN.
I GUESS IT'S NOT SO BAD TO BE A BORING PERSON.

STUDENT COUNCIL ROOM
...WHERE, A GROUP OF BORING PEOPLE HAVE INTERESTING CONVER-SATIONS EVERY DAY.
HEKIYO PRIVATE ACADEMY'S STUDENT COUNCIL...

episode.2
THAT'LL BE 1,020 YEN FOR THESE THREE ITEMS.
RIGHT NOW, WHEN YOU SPEND OVER 1,000 YEN, YOU CAN GET A GREAT DEAL ON THIS BOOK. WOULD YOU LIKE TO ADD IT TO YOUR PURCHASE?
SMILE ♥
YOU SOUND LIKE A FAST FOOD JOINT RECOMMENDING ITS NEWEST SPECIAL.
BUT SINCE YOU ALWAYS SMILE SO NICELY AT ME, I'D BE HAPPY TO BUY---
HM?
STUDENT COUNCIL'S DISCRETION
SEKINA AOI
STUDENT COUNCIL'S DISCRE-TION?

episode.2 Don't Write with Your Head! Draw with Your Heart!

HEY EVERYONE, WE HAVE A PROBLEM!!
ガチャッ
CLATTER
WHAT ARE YOU ALL IN A PANIC ABOUT, SUGISAKI?


STUDENT COUNCIL'S DISCRETION
M-MADAM PRESIDENT, WHAT IS THIS NOVEL, STUDENT COUNCIL'S DISCRETION...?!
WHEN ON EARTH
いつの間に…
YOU WORKED SO HARD ON IT, SUGISAKI, IT'D BE A WASTE TO LIMIT IT TO JUST THE PAMPHLETS ON CAMPUS.
HEH HEH. WE WANTED MORE PEOPLE TO KNOW HOW FANTASTIC AND CAPABLE OUR STUDENT COUNCIL WAS, SO WE GOT FUJIMI SHOBO TO PUBLISH A PAPERBACK FOR US.
HUH ?
I...WORK HARD?
HOW COULD I NOT KNOW ABOUT THAT MYSELF?!
CHIZURU SAID SHE HAD YOU WRITE THAT NOVEL.
SHOCK
ガビーン
?

PUPPET?!
OH, DOES MY POOR PUPPET NOT REMEMBER WHEN I MADE HIM WRITE THAT BOOK?
GLARE
NOW, KEY, TRY TO REMEMBER. THOSE MEMORIES ARE THERE SOME-
WHERE...
WHERE?

OW....
HEY! SUGISAKI?!
SLUMP
ガクッ
HUFF HUFF
THAT'S RIGHT. I'M THE AUTHOR.
WOBBLE...
I REMEMBER...

SQUEAK SQUEAK SQUEAK
キュッ キュッ キュ〜
NOW, FOR TODAY'S TOPIC.
YOU WANT ME TO PULL MORE ALL-NIGHTERS?
DAMMIT, LISTEN WHEN SOME-BODY'S TALKING!
SO WHAT SHOULD I D--
YOU SHOULDN'T DO ANYTHING.
FLIP
THE NEXT DEADLINE IS COMING RIGHT UP, SO THE AUTHOR'S GOTTA WRITE.

『もっともっと 多くの人に知ってもらおう!!』
"LET EVEN MORE PEOPLE KNOW ABOUT US!!"
SNAP
ぱきっ
IN ORDER TO HAVE EVEN MORE PEOPLE RECOGNIZE THE GREATNESS OF OUR STUDENT COUNCIL...
...WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

I STILL THINK THE BEST OPTION IS TO WRITE A BOOK THAT PEOPLE REALLY WANT TO READ.

BOOKS CAN MAKE US CRY, LAUGH, OR JUST FEEL WARM AND HAPPY.
DON'T YOU WANT TO SHARE THOSE FEELINGS WITH OTHERS?
SO WE NEED TO PARTICIPATE IN ACTIVITIES THAT WILL TOUCH PEOPLE'S HEARTS, AND THEN PUBLISH BOOKS ABOUT THEM.
AND THEY'LL BE PASSED ON FROM PERSON TO PERSON

UNTIL SOMEDAY, ALONG WITH THOSE STORIES, OUR STUDENT COUNCIL WILL BE KNOWN BY YOUNG AND OLD, BY MEN AND WOMEN. .
IN FACT, BY EVERYONE IN ALL OF JAPAN!

THAT'S A GREAT IDEA, MADAM PRESIDENT. I ABSOLUTELY LOVE THAT OPTIMISM OF YOURS!
SEIN
I WAS A BIT MOVED MYSELF!
R... RIGHT?!
OKAY, SUGISAKI, I'M GOING TO START COMING UP WITH DEEPLY EMOTIONAL EPISODES, AND YOU WRITE 'EM DOWN.
RIGHT.
I DON'T KNOW JUST HOW MUCH I'LL BE ABLE TO HELP, BUT I'LL DO MY BEST.
CLICK
MMMM

VICE PRESI-DENT..
ANSWER ME, CHIEF!
YOU HAVE TO STOP THIS! WHAT DO YOU THINK THIS IS GOING TO SOLVE?!
YOU STUDENT COUNCIL GUYS HAVE REALLY HELPED US OUT LATELY.
BUT THIS IS ONE REQUEST I CAN'T HELP YOU WITH.
WE MAY BE JUST A COLLECTION OF USELESS HUMAN GARBAGE... BUT WE HAVE EACH OTHER.
WE'RE LIKE FAMILY.
AND THIS GUY... DROVE A MEMBER OF OUR PRECIOUS FAMILY TO THEIR DEATH.
EE... EEEEEP!
SHUDDER

AND FOR THAT...
...HE HAS TO PAY!!
NO, DOOOOOON'T!!

M...
MADAM PRESIDENT!

I DON'T RECALL ASKING YOU GUYS TO INTERFERE IN THIS PARTICULAR SITUATION.
WHY?!
IT LOOKS LIKE WE HAVE TO.
GRIP
STOPPING YOU WAS KAZUMA'S DYING WISH.
HE DIED ALONE, FULL OF BITTERNESS AND HATE!
SO IN HIS PLACE, WE WILL PUNISH... WE WILL TAKE REVENGE!
WHY DO YOU THINK HE DIED WITHOUT TELLING ANYONE ANYTHING...?
TWITCH

BECAUSE HE DIDN'T WANT YOU TO DIRTY THIS HAND...
HE DIDN'T WANT HIS PRECIOUS FAMILY TO GET HURT BY HIS PROBLEMS.

MADAM PRESIDENT... WHY WOULD YOU GO SO FAR FOR US?
SQUEEZE
SO PLEASE... LEAVE THE REST TO US. I'LL HANDLE IT.
IT'S JUST LIKE YOU SAID...

YOU AND KAZUMA ARE ALL PART OF MY PRECIOUS FAMILY.
SQUEEZE

STUDENTS SHOULDN'T DISCRIMINATE AGAINST EACH OTHER... WE'RE ALL FAMILY...
THAT'S OUR PRESIDENT. THERE'S ROOM IN HER FAMILY FOR EVERYONE.
OUR SCHOOL--- NO, ALL OF JAPAN--- REALLY NEEDS HER.

I WAS AN IDIOT TO THINK YOU'D ONLY EXAGGERATE A LITTLE TO SPICE UP THE STORY.
WHAT'S SO "ULTRA" ABOUT IT? SHEESH!
YOU THINK I WAS A LITTLE... OVER-DRAMATIC?
ヘ(^^)ノ TEEHEE

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I THINK THIS GOES A BIT BEYOND JUST OVERDRAMATIC.
豊満なボデ
THERE ISN'T EVEN A GANG LEADER OR ANYTHING AT OUR SCHOOL.
OH, THERE'S A GANG LEADER ALL RIGHT.
EH?
THIS EVENT NEVER HAPPENED! AND THE WAY YOU DESCRIBE YOURSELF IS COMPLETELY MADE UP!
OVERFLOWING WITH ELEGANCE
BEAUTIFUL & ENDLESS

BUT...THIS IS STILL WELL BELOW THE LEVEL OF TRUE ENTERTAINMENT.
WHAT DID YOU SAY?!
DON'T
TO BEGIN WITH, YOU DON'T EVEN SEEM TO UNDERSTAND WHAT PEOPLE WANT IN A LIGHT NOVEL STORY.
IN ORDER TO MAKE THEIR STORIES ACCESSIBLE, THE AUTHOR HAS TO MAKE SOME CONCES-SIONS.

I'VE BEEN READING DRAGON MAGAZINE AND DRAGON ACE SINCE I WAS A TODDLER, SO LEAVE THIS TO ME.
AND BY THE WAY, BEFORE ACE IT WAS CALLED COMIC DRAGON
UM, SIS, DRAGON ACE WAS ONLY LAUNCHED FIVE YEARS AGO.
IF YOU KEEP WORRYING ABOUT DETAILS LIKE THAT, LITTLE SISTER, YOU'LL GO BALD.
BALD...!"

SO THIS TIME, KEN.. WRITE A STORY BASED ON MY IDEA.
NUDGE
OKAY, OKAY, GOT IT. WHAT SORT OF THING APPEALS TO LIGHT NOVEL READERS?
GRIN
HEH HEH.. THE ANSWER TO THAT IS OBVIOUS!

ZOOSHHH
THUMP
WHEW
GOOD PUNCH...
GWOHH...
SLUMP

I THOUGHT IT WAS JUST A NONSENSE TECHNIQUE...BUT YOUR "CHICKEN CHICKEN" IS A FORMIDABLE CLOSE-COMBAT STYLE.
IT JUST WORKS WELL AGAINST YOUR "BULLDOZER" STYLE, THAT'S ALL.
YOU'RE A CUNNING MAN... SO PERHAPS YOU ARE FIT TO LEAD US ALL...
SO YOU'LL GIVE IN TO OUR DEMANDS?
YES. FROM TODAY ON, OUR BRUTE ACADEMY WILL BE RULED BY THE KEY ALLIANCE.
THANK YOU.
NOW WE CAN PREPARE TO INVADE THE OTHER SCHOO--
GRIP
DD
SPLASH

GRRSSHHH!
!!

...
WHA...
GUWAH--

WHAT ON EARTH IS THAT?!
ROOOOAAAR
GLINT
BRACE YOURSELF, KEN.
I THOUGHT WE'D BE LUCKY IF THEY MADE THE FIRST MOVE...
WSH WSH WSH
...BUT IT LOOKS LIKE WE CAUGHT OURSELVES A BIG-ASS FISH
SHUDDER

YOU...
OH... SO YOU'RE STILL BREATHING EVEN AFTER MY ATTACK. YOU HAVE MY COMPLIMENTS.
WHY... HERE...

FLAP

IT SEEMS THAT OUR PRINCESS IS TERRIBLY JEALOUS. SHE DOESN'T WANT TO GIVE UP HER SISTER TO ANYONE.
...

I...
I KNOW THIS MAN.
YOU... KNOW ME?
BUT, KEN... I DIDN'T EXPECT TO SEE YOU HERE...
THIS FEELING...
BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP
...TO PREVENT YOUR AWAKENING... YES, IT SEEMS LIKE SOMETHING THOSE OLD MEN WOULD THINK OF.
WHOOSH
IN THAT CASE, I...
STARE
HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN ME? NO, PERHAPS YOUR MEMORIES HAVE BEEN SEALED...
STEP
.....

EXCUSE ME...
THAT'S A TERRIBLY RUDE THING TO DO WHILE I'M TALKING.
FREEZE
チッ
BE AT EASE. I WILL NOT HARM THIS MAN...
...TODAY, AT LEAST.
NGH...
HOP
SHICK
GSNCK
WHA...

JUST WHO ARE YOU...?
BA-DUMP BA-DUMP
ドクン ドクン
ETCH THIS NAME INTO YOUR MEMORY...
...FOR I WILL BE THE FIRST PERSON TO TRANSCEND HUMANITY.
I AM ECHO OF DEATH, YOUR OLDER BROTHER.

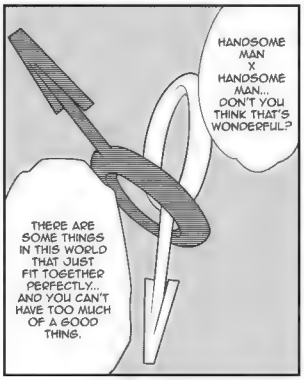
TH...THAT'S RIGHT, SIS. WHAT THE WORLD NEEDS RIGHT NOW IS MORE STORIES ABOUT LOVE AND PEACE.
I INSIST!
BY CONQUERING ALL THE OTHER SCHOOLS AND UNITING THEM UNDER A SUPREME RULER, OUR STUDENT COUNCIL WILL CREATE A PEACEFUL WORLD WITHOUT FIGHTING! ISN'T THAT A GREAT PREMISE?
THE TITLE OF THIS NOVEL IS STUDENT COUNCIL'S DISCRETION. WHERE'D THE STUDENT COUNCIL GO?!
SNAP
I THOUGHT I HAD A GOOD THING GOING WITH THIS ECHO OF DEATH STORYLINE...
HOW CAN YOU BE SO CONFIDENT THAT THIS PLOT WORKS? YOU CAN'T REALLY BELIEVE THAT PEACE IS THE NATURAL OUTCOME OF ALL THAT VIOLENCE!
OKAY. YOU SEEM LIKE YOU'D WRITE A PROPER PLOT, MAFUYU.
AND SO, SUGISAKI... THIS TIME... WOULD YOU PLEASE WRITE SOMETHING BASED ON MY PLOT?

WAIT, BROTHER!
.....
JUST FORGET ABOUT ME.
OUR RELATIONSHIP AND OUR POSITIONS HAVE CHANGED SINCE BACK THEN.
WE CAN'T BE TOGETHER ANY---
I KNOW ALL THAT!
BUT I STILL
TAP
SPLISH SPLISH

MY FEELINGS HAVEN'T CHANGED. IN FACT, THEY'RE STRONGER THAN EVER BEFORE.
SO...
KEN...
SPLASH
YOU KNOW THIS WON'T BE EASY, RIGHT?
IT'S OKAY.
TOUCH
AS LONG AS I'M WITH YOU, I CAN HANDLE ANYTHING.

BECAUSE THERE'S NOTHING HARDER FOR ME THAN JUST BEING WITHOUT YOU, BROTHER.
I'LL NEVER LET YOU GO AGAIN...
DON'T REGRET THIS.
MY BROTHER, ECHO OF DEATH...

THE MAIN CHARACTER HAS THE SAME NAME AS ME, BUT I CAN'T UNDERSTAND A THING HE'S DOING!!
WHAT THE HECK IS GOING ON NOW?!


HANDSOME MAN X HANDSOME MAN... DON'T YOU THINK THAT'S WONDERFUL?
THERE ARE SOME THINGS IN THIS WORLD THAT JUST FIT TOGETHER PERFECTLY... AND YOU CAN'T HAVE TOO MUCH OF A GOOD THING.

WOW, YOU WROTE FOR QUITE A WHILE BEFORE STOPPING ME. YOU HAVE SURPRISINGLY GOOD COMEDIC TIMING!
SQUEEZE
IT'S EVEN MORE SURPRISING THAT YOU'RE INTO THIS TYPE OF THING, MAFUYU.

ZOOM
HUH? DID YOU JUST SAY THAT I'M A HANDSOME MAN? IS THAT HOW YOU THINK OF ME?

IF YOU'D WRITE A BEDROOM SCENE FOR ME TOO... I'D THINK YOU WERE WONDERFUL.
THE SWEET SOUND OF CHIRPING
BUT DON'T BE TRICKED. THIS IS JUST AN ACT TO GET ME TO WRITE IT.
I KNOW THAT.
I KNOW THAT, BUT MY BODY IS MOVING ALONG ON ITS OWN!
CLICKETY-CLACK

CHIPP
チュン
CHICO CHIPP
ZZZZ…スー…スー…
STAGE
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……
HE'S REALLY CHANGED SINCE WE LAST MET.

BUT HIS FACE WHEN HE SLEEPS IS THE SAME AS IT'S ALWAYS BEEN.
STROKE
SLAP
AH, I'M SORRY, ECHO OF DEATH. DID I WAKE YOU?!
AH!
NOT THAT...
EH?
THERE'S SOMETHING HARD PRESSING AGAINST ME DOWN THERE...
...?!
STARE
GULGSHHH
I...I'M SORRY...
THROB THROB

...OF HOW STRONGLY YOU FEEL FOR ME, RIGHT?
UHH.
THAT'S ALL RIGHT... IT'S JUST PROOF...
TWITCH
ZHOOP
LET ME FEEL YOUR PASSION EVEN MORE.
TREMBLE
B... BROTHER...

THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUGISAKI ♥
KEY... THIS IS...
I'LL TREASURE THIS.
DON'T LOOK! I'VE BEEN TAINTED WITH FILTH! DON'T LOOK AT ME!
WHAT IS IT?
AAAAHHH あぁ
AAAAHHH あぁ
AH, HE'S BROKEN.
CRACK
DON'T WORRY, YOU WERE AS FILTHY AS THEY COME TO BEGIN WITH.
THERE, THERE. IT WAS SCARY, RIGHT? AND SO HARD ON YOU.
BUT IT'S OKAY NOW.
PAT
CHIZURU, I...
MUTTER MUTTER
THIS IS MY CHOICE!

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.
MY WISH IS TO MAKE THIS ACADEMY A PEACEFUL ONE.
MOOM PRESIDENT
MOOM PRESIDENT
MOOM PRESIDENT
MOOM PRESIDENT
DON'T YOU LONG FOR A SCHOOL FULL OF AFFECTION AND RESPECT?
A SCHOOL THAT EXCELS IN BOTH ACADEMICS AND SPORTS, WITH NO ILLICIT SEXUAL RELATIONSHIPS?
WHISSH
VERY WELL. THEN IT'S TIME FOR A STUDENT ASSEMBLY!

HEY, KEY, OF COURSE YOU'LL WRITE MY PLOT AS WELL, RIGHT?
HEH HEH... I'LL DO ANYTHING TO GET THIS HELL OVER WITH.

HEE HEE... THIS IS GREAT. OBVIOUSLY THIS NOVEL NEEDS TO SHOW OFF THE GREATNESS OF THE STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT.
THAT'S NOT FAIR, KURIMU! IT'S MY TURN NEXT!
KEY...
I SEE YOU HAVE RESIGNED FROM YOUR JOB ON THE STUDENT COUNCIL.
I...I'M SORRY, CHIZURU.
"CHIZURU"?

ADDRESS ME AS YOU WOULD ROYALTY.
AH
YES, YOUR MAJESTY.
BLUSH
AH...
HEH HEH... GOOD BOY ♥
AS A REWARD, I'LL ALLOW YOU TO LICK MY SHOES.
NOW, DO AS YOU ALWAYS DO.
YES, YOUR MAJESTY.

AHH AHH
KNEE
HUFF HUFF
POP
?!
HEY, SUGISAKI, ARE YOU OKAY?
OH DEAR. HAS HE BROKEN COMPLETELY? BUT THERE ARE STILL SOME PAGES LEFT.
AUUUGH??
HE'S FINE. LET ME FIX HIM.

ZHOOP
HMM? DID I MAKE A MISTAKE?
GULP
OHOO!
POW!
HO!
GAZE
AEEAH?!
WHA... WHAT HAVE I BEEN DOING ALL THIS TIME?
THERE'S NO NEED TO REMEMBER, KEY. YOU NEEDN'T LOOK BACK AT THE PAST. A TRUE MAN ALWAYS LOOKS FORWARD.
CUMULONGLE
FOR-WARD...

JABBER JABBER CHATTER CHATTER
LIKE THAT
YAY YAY!
LIKE THIS
AND THEN
MUMBLE MUMBLE
AND NEXT...
.....
THAT'S RIGHT, THERE ARE SIX PAGES LEFT TO WRITE. UMM, THE STORY FROM HERE ON...

SHUT UP!
I'VE HEARD PLENTY OF YOUR OPINIONS. NOW I'LL DO WHAT I WANT.
WAIT, ARE YOU IGNORING YOUR PRESIDENT'S ORDERS?
I'M MAKING A COMPROMISE.
EITHER YOU LET ME WRITE THE REST JUST AS I LIKE, OR THIS NOVEL SERIES ENDS WITH VOLUME 1.
HMM...
URGH... JUST THIS ONE TIME, THEN.
HEY, KURIMU, IF YOU LET HIM WRITE WHATEVER HE WANTS...
I KNOW, BUT...
DON'T WORRY, MINATSU. I'LL WRITE ABOUT THINGS JUST AS THEY ARE.
AFTER ALL... I'D LIKE PEOPLE TO SEE AT LEAST A LITTLE OF WHAT THE STUDENT COUNCIL IS REALLY LIKE.
ALL RIGHT THEN, SUGISAKI. WE'LL LEAVE THE REST TO YOU.
GASP!
YEAH, LEAVE IT TO ME!

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キャー
キャー
SQUEEE!
NOOOO!
YAY!

OF COURSE HE DOES. KEY TOOK THE ACADEMIC POSITION HE CAN DO EVERYTHING PERFECTLY.
KEN ALWAYS LOOKS GORGEOUS, NO MATTER WHAT HE'S DOING.
IT'S TRUE. SUGISAKI'S REALLY THE BEST PART OF THE STUDENT COUNCIL.

WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN TALKING ABOUT, MY LITTLE KITTENS?
SMILE

PLEASE... PLEASE...
OH, DEAR
WAIT A MOMENT, MINATSU. I LOVE ALL OF YOU. I CAN'T DO THAT WITH JUST ONE OF YOU.

KEN... I CAN'T TAKE IT ANYMORE!
SLAM

BUT... I CAN'T STOP LOVING YOU EITHER, KEN!
NOW, NOW. IF YOU SAY THAT, THEN...

SORRY, MAFUYU... THIS IS THE ONE ISSUE I CAN'T GIVE UP ON.
ME TOO... I DON'T WANT TO LOSE HIM TO YOU!
THAT'S SO MEAN, SIS! YOU KNOW HOW I FEEL!
CLATTER
KNOCK KNOCK
HEY, KEY.
CHI-ZURU?
SCRAMBLING
ACTUALLY, I FEEL THE SAME WAY ABOUT YOU... SO PLEASE...
BUT I... I...
NOW YOU'VE LET YOURSELF GET AGITATED, AND SHE'S NOTICED OUR EYE CONTACT.
WHOOPS, THAT WON'T DO, CHIZURU. YOU'RE BEING UNFAIR. YOU'RE NOT THE ONLY ONE WHO LOVES ME, AFTER ALL.

STARE
IS SOMETHING WRONG?
SULK
むすー
CHIZURU, YOU AND SUGISAKI SOMETIMES HAVE THIS WAY OF LOOKING AT EACH OTHER...
Y-YOU'RE IMAGINING THINGS, KURIMU.
BA-DUMP BA-DUMP
WHAT I'M ABOUT TO SAY IS... A PRESIDENTIAL COMMAND, OKAY?
SUGISAKI...
I ORDER YOU TO GO OUT WITH ME!
WAAAAAIT A MINUTE!!

BICKER
BICKER
I BELIEVE THAT THE BOYS' LOVE STORY IS A REALITY SOMEWHERE IN THIS WORLD.
AT THE RATE YOU'RE GOING, IT COULD BE EVEN WORSE!
WHA... AT LEAST IT'S CLOSER TO THE TRUTH THAN ECHO OF DEATH OR THE BOYS' LOVE STORIES!
DON'T COMPARE YOUR STUFF TO ECHO OF DEATH...
POINT

WHAT WAS IT YOU SAID TWO PAGES AGO?!
EH? "I'LL WRITE ABOUT THINGS JUST AS THEY ARE"?
I SHOULD NEVER HAVE BEEN INFLUENCED BY YOU!
EVERYTHING YOU'VE WRITTEN SINCE YOUR VERY FIRST PANEL IS A LIE!

THE EDITOR'S GOING TO ARRIVE SOON TO PICK UP THE MANUSCRIPT, AND WE DON'T HAVE TIME TO REWRITE IT.
MORE IMPORTANTLY, HOW ARE WE GOING TO WRAP THIS UP WITH JUST ONE PAGE LEFT?

HOW IS THIS ALL MY FAULT?
...OKAY.
JUST THIS ONCE I'LL FIGURE OUT A WAY TO TIE IT ALL TOGETHER, BUT FROM NOW ON LET'S ACTUALLY WRITE ABOUT THINGS AS THEY ARE, ALL RIGHT?
OKAY.
YOU WERE ALL HAVING FUN, TOO.
IT'S ALL BECAUSE OUR PRESIDENT STARTED TELLING WEIRD STORIES.
BUT...

SON! DO SOME HOMEWORK INSTEAD OF LISTENING TO GRANDPA'S STORIES ALL DAY! YOU CAN NEVER TELL IF THEY'RE REAL OR JUST MADE UP ANYWAY.
OKAY.

BUT I STILL BELIEVE... THOSE MEMORIES ARE STILL AS BRIGHT AS DAY IN MY MIND, AND I DON'T THINK THERE'S A LIE AMONG THEM.

episode.3
THIS IS A STORY ABOUT THE SWEAT- AND TEAR-STAINED YOUTH OF OUR STUDENT COUNCIL, FIGHTING DAY AND NIGHT FOR THE PEACE AND SAFETY OF OUR SCHOOL.
年度生徒会
CLASS OF XX STUDENT COUNCIL
AH, I SEE YOU NOTICED IT, SUGISAKI.
.....
WHAT IS THIS?
IT WOULD BE WEIRDER IF I DIDN'T NOTICE SOMETHING THIS HUGE.
THIS IS TO MAKE SURE OUR READERS DON'T MIS-UNDERSTAND US.
TAP TAP
MIS-UNDER-STAND?

USUALLY WE'RE REALLY BUSY DOING ERRANDS AND PAPERWORK FOR THE STUDENTS!
WHO EXACTLY ARE YOU TALKING TO?
I'M SURE THERE'S NO PROBLEM AMONG THOSE WHO KNOW US WELL, BUT...
WELL, PURELY BY COINCIDENCE, BOTH OF THE FIRST TWO VOLUMES ONLY SHOW US SITTING AROUND CHATTING.
PEOPLE WHO DON'T KNOW US WELL MIGHT THINK WE'RE PATHETIC KIDS WHO JUST GOOF AROUND AND NEVER DO ANY WORK.
WELL, WE REALLY DO JUST CHAT MOST OF THE TIME.
To Be Continued

episode.3 The most frightening things aren't ghosts or monsters. They're humans!

SIGH..
SO THIS TIME WE'LL SHOW OFF SOME OF OUR BEST WORK!
BUT THERE ISN'T REALLY ANY WORK FOR US TO DO TODAY.
AND THERE AREN'T ANY EVENTS COMING UP THAT WE HAVE TO PLAN FOR.
YOU TWO SHOULDN'T BE SO PASSIVE!
THE STUDENTS ARE COUNTING ON US! WE HAVE TO TAKE ACTIVE STEPS TO REFORM THIS ACADEMY!
RIGHT, CHIZURU?
YOU'RE RIGHT, KURUMI. (ON RARE OCCASIONS) YOU MAKE A GOOD POINT!
RIGHT?
PRAISE ME MORE!
GOOD GIRL
HEE HEE!
えへ～
YOUR SMILE LOOKS NICE

TODAY'S TOPIC: "DEALING WITH RAMPANT GHOST STORIES"
今日の議題
『怪談のはびこりすぎな現状について』
THIS!
GHOST STORIES?

SO WHAT WILL WE DO TODAY, MADAM PRESIDENT?

SEVEN MYSTERIES? YOU MEAN...THE ONES THAT ARE SUPPOSED TO CURSE YOU IF YOU KNOW THEM ALL?
PROBABLY.
RIGHT. RUMORS HAVE BEEN FLYING AROUND RECENTLY ABOUT THE SCHOOL'S SEVEN MYSTERIES.

...YEAH, AND MY FRIEND...
...AND IN THE MUSIC ROOM...
WAIT.
PLEASE STOP! PLEASE?
THAT'S THE PROBLEM!
THEY'VE BECOME SO STANDARD THAT THEY'RE BOUND TO REACH THE EARS OF SOMEONE WHO DOESN'T WANT TO HEAR THEM.
THAT'S TRUE.

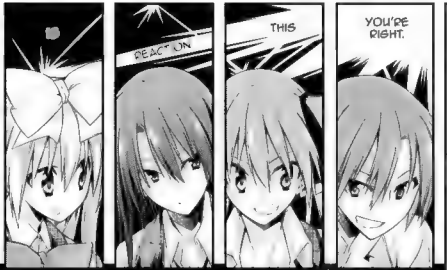
WHAT'S WRONG WITH THAT?
PEOPLE ARE ALWAYS TELLING THOSE STORIES AROUND THIS TIME OF YEAR.

I'M NOT EVEN INTERESTED IN RUMORS LIKE THOSE, AND I KNOW OF AT LEAST 21 OF THEM.
?!
SEVEN TIMES THREE ...
ISN'T THAT OVERKILL? NOT ONLY WILL YOU BE CURSED, BUT SO WILL TWO OTHER PEOPLE WHO HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH IT!
AREN'T YOU EXAGGERATING?
NO, THE SITUATION IS ALREADY TOO EXTREME. WE HAVE TO DO SOMETHING RIGHT AWAY.
WHY'S THE PRESIDENT SO WORKED UP ABOUT THIS?
WHO KNOWS ?
WHISPER WHISPER
DO YOU THINK SHE MIGHT JUST BE SCARED? I MEAN, LOOK HOW PETITE SHE IS.
LET'S SEE...
I'LL TEST THAT THEORY OUT.

EXCUSE ME!
YES, MINATSU ?
DO YOU KNOW THIS STORY, MADAM PRESI-DENT?

IT'S A STORY ABOUT A GIRL WHO WENT INTO THE WOMEN'S BATHROOM...
?!
EEK!

WH...WHY ARE YOU TELLING ME THIS ALL OF THE SUDDEN? DON'T GET OFF-TOPIC!
THIS ISN'T OFF-TOPIC. WE NEED TO KNOW WHAT WE'RE UP AGAINST, RIGHT?
I...I GUESS ...


REACTION
THIS
YOU'RE RIGHT.

面白いネタ見つけた！
HILARIOUS!!

A-ANYWAY, I DON'T NEED TO HEAR IT!

DUNN
I THINK THAT'S A GOOD IDEA, TOO.
WE SHOULD EACH TELL ALL OF THE STORIES WE'VE HEARD.
DUN
DUN
MINATSU IS RIGHT.
FIRST WE NEED TO CHECK AND CONFIRM EACH OF THE GHOST STORIES.

HUH? ARE YOU SCARED, KURIMU?
NO WAY, KEY.
W-WAIT A SEC, EVERY-ONE...

THAT'S RIGHT.
TH...

O-OKAY? LET'S GO AHEAD AND DO THIS!
I'M AN ADULT! OF COURSE I'M NOT SCARED OF GHOST STORIES!
WE GOT HER!!

SLICE
YOU'RE RIGHT, NO ONE'S STILL SCARED OF GHOST STORIES AT THIS AGE.
SHE'S THE MIGHTY STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT! THERE'S NO WAY SHE'D BE SCARED OF SOME SCHOOL-KIDS' GHOST STORIES.
STAB
SLASH
I... LOVE GHOST STORIES. EVER SINCE ELEMEN-TARY SCHOOL...

BAM
WHA?!
TWITCH
B-BUT WE DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME, SO JUST ONE STORY EACH...
CLAP CLAP
IN THAT CASE...
TWEET TWEET
WHAT IS THIS?
WHAT?
HOW REFRESHING
HEKIYO PRIVATE ACADEMY'S ENGINEERING CLUB
ONE
TWO
I HAD THEM BRING THE TATAMI MATS AND OTHER THINGS FROM THEIR CLUB ROOM.
KEEP RUNNING UNTIL THE LADY CALLS US BACK.
WE'VE GOT TO KEEP UP OUR STEEN-STH.
WHO ARE THEY?
WE'LL TIDY UP AGAIN WHEN YOU'RE DONE, MISS. JUST LET US KNOW.
RIGHT. THANK YOU.
...CAN WE ADD HER TO THE SEVEN MYSTERIES?
SHALL WE BEGIN?
I THOUGHT WE'D HAVE MORE FUN WITH THE RIGHT ATMO-SPHERE.

ALL RIGHT, I'LL GO FIRST.
I'LL GIVE IT MY BEST SHOT, SO PREPARE YOURSELVES.
GULP...
THERE ARE NO KNIVES IN THIS SCHOOL'S HOME ECONOMICS ROOM.
AND DO YOU KNOW WHY THAT IS?
THAT'S RIGHT-- THEY'RE ALL LOCKED IN A CABINET IN THE PREP ROOM.
WELL, A TRAGEDY OCCURRED BECAUSE OF THOSE KNIVES IN THE HOME EC ROOM...
SO WHY ARE THEY KEPT IN THE PREP ROOM?
KNIVES ARE ESSENTIAL FOR COOKING LESSONS, AND IT MUST BE A PAIN TO GET THEM OUT FOR EACH CLASS.
BUT TRY TO REMEMBER.
IN THE CUPBOARDS BENEATH THE COUNTER, THERE ARE PLACES TO PUT THEM.
NORMALLY THE KNIVES WOULD BE KEPT THERE.

LET'S JUST CALL HER KURIMU.
YOU MEAN ME?!
LONG AGO, THERE WAS A FEMALE STUDENT...
SHE DIDN'T HAVE MUCH IN TERMS OF CURVES OR HEIGHT, BUT HER FACE WAS CUTE AND THERE WERE THOSE WHO LIKED HER TYPE.
FLAT
HUH? THIS CHARACTER SEEMS ODDLY FAMILIAR.
ONE DAY, SHE FORGOT SOMETHING BACK AT SCHOOL.
.....
I'M REALLY GONNA NEED IT TOMOR-ROW...
KURIMU WENT BACK TO SCHOOL TO COLLECT HER STUFF.
THE SCHOOL WAS SCARY AT NIGHT...
...BUT SHE'D FORGOTTEN THINGS THERE BEFORE, AND WAS USED TO IT BY NOW.
AND THE NEXT DAY...

THE MURDERER WAS CAUGHT RIGHT AWAY.
HE WAS ONE OF THE MANIACS WHO FREQUENTED THE AREA AT THE TIME.
EEK!
...THEY FOUND HER COLD, DEAD BODY...
KEEPOU
A
KURIMU DIED IN THE HOME ECONOMICS ROOM.
SHE'D BEEN STABBED REPEATEDLY.
I'M STARTING TO WISH WE WEREN'T CALLING HER KURIMU...
EPOU
HUH?! THIS IS STARTING TO SOUND LIKE A DETECTIVE STORY!
THAT FACE IS A CHARACTER FROM CA_E CL_SED ? IS RIGHT?
SPIN
SOMEBODY!
SHE WAS A PERFECT VICTIM.
PAY ATTENTION TO ME!
JUST AS HE SNUCK INSIDE THE SCHOOL, HE HAPPENED TO RUN INTO KURIMU.

家庭科室
HOME ECONOMICS ROOM
THE MAN NOTICED THAT IT WAS THE HOME EC ROOM...

OF COURSE KURIMU RAN AWAY. BUT HE GRADUALLY CAUGHT UP WITH HER.
FINALLY, SHE RAN INTO THE HOME EC ROOM.
GASP
GASP

AND FROM THE SPACE UNDER THE COUNTER
SHIKK
P100

STOP!

DON'T KI—
NO...
NO!
AND THEN...
STAB STAB STAB STAB

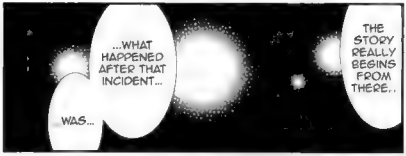
SLAM
PLEASE!
HELP!

HUMPY

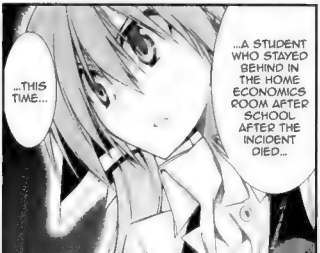
SHUDDER
SHUDDER
SQUEEZE
...

EVEN IF SOMEONE WAS MURDERED HERE BEFORE AND THE KNIVES WERE MOVED TO ANOTHER ROOM, THAT DOESN'T MEAN...
I-ISN'T THAT A BIT MUCH?
SIGH

COUGH

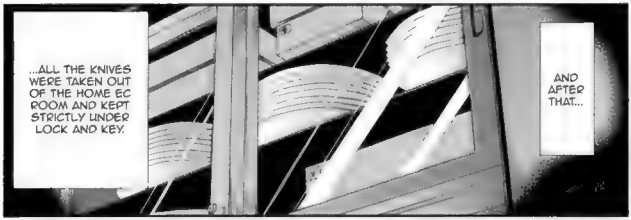

...WHAT HAPPENED AFTER THAT INCIDENT...
WAS...
THE STORY REALLY BEGINS FROM THERE...

YOU'VE GOT IT WRONG, MADAM PRESIDENT. THAT'S NOT THE REASON WHY THE KNIVES WERE MOVED TO THE SPARE ROOM...
WHAT?

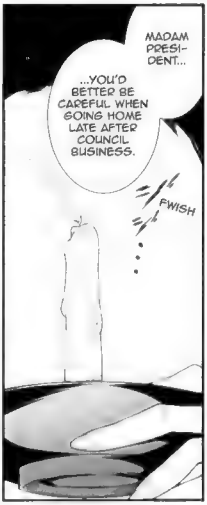

...THIS TIME...
...A STUDENT WHO STAYED BEHIND IN THE HOME ECONOMICS ROOM AFTER SCHOOL AFTER THE INCIDENT DIED...

...THEY WERE FOUND PIERCED BY EVERY KNIFE KEPT IN THE ROOM!
IT WAS...?
IT'S OBVIOUS, ISN'T IT?
IT WAS...
AND THE MURDERER...?
YOU!!!
EEEEK!!

...
...
ANO SHE'S BACK.
SUCK SUCK SUCK
W-WHAT'S WITH YOU?!
WHY WOULD I BE THE MURDERER?
YOU'VE GOTTA BE KIDDING ME!
YOU'RE STILL NOT GETTING IT!
YEP, SHE'S GONE..
WE'RE LOSING HER..
I'M NOT SAYING THE KILLER WAS THE CURRENT KURIMU...
...IT WAS YOUR FUTURE GHOST!
NO HUMAN COULD PULL OFF A CRIME LIKE THAT...
...STABBING SOMEONE ALL OVER THEIR BODY...
...ALMOST AS IF ALL THOSE KNIVES CAME FLYING OUT OF THE AIR AT ONCE.


...ALL THE KNIVES WERE TAKEN OUT OF THE HOME EC ROOM AND KEPT STRICTLY UNDER LOCK AND KEY.
AND AFTER THAT...

...AND FOR SOME REASON YOU NEED SOMETHING OUT OF THAT ROOM...
IF SOMEONE FORGETS TO LOCK UP ONE OF THOSE KNIVES FROM THE HOME EC ROOM...


MADAM PRESI-DENT...
...YOU'D BETTER BE CAREFUL WHEN GOING HOME LATE AFTER COUNCIL BUSINESS.
FWISH

...I CAN'T GUARANTEE YOUR SAFETY.

HOW WAS THAT, MADAM PRESI-DENT?
...UM?
OH? THAT'S TOO BAD...
...BUT I'M SURE MAFUYU'S GOT A SCARY STORY THAT WILL TOP MINE 10 TIMES OVER.
GRIN GRIN
N--
NOT SCARY IN THE LEAST!
GOWER
WHAT A RIDICU-LOUSLY TALL TALE!
NO ONE'S BUYING IT, SWEETIE
YOUR WISH IS MY COM-MAND...
...I'VE GOT A FEW SPOOKY TALES CAREFULLY SELECTED FOR JUST SUCH AN OCCASION. ♡
HUH?!
THERE'S REALLY NO NEED, MAFUYU...
SHIVER
GRIN
THIS IS A TRUE STORY THAT HAPPENED 6 YEARS AGO...
EEEK!

SHAKE SHAKE
MADAM PRESIDENT STAYED LIKE THIS THE ENTIRE TIME MINATSU, MAFUYU, AND CHIZURU TOLD THEIR GHOST STORIES.
UM ...
ER...
SHUDDER SHUDDER
YOU SEEM REALLY SPOOKED, MADAM PRESIDENT.
I FEEL LIKE WE COULD SAY JUST ABOUT ANYTHING TO FREAK YOU OUT.
IT'S ABOUT YOUR TURN, KEY.
HEH HEH HEH. LEAVE IT TO ME.
ONCE UPON A TIME, THERE WAS AN ADORABLE YOUNG GIRL NAMED KURIMU...
...SHE WORKED AS A MAID FOR KEN SUGISAKI, DEVOTING HER BODY AND SOUL TO SERVING HER MASTER...
...THE END.
I SHALL SERVE YOU WITH MY WHOLE BODY TODAY
NOOOOOO OOOOOO!

AA CUP.
NOT A SINGLE HOPE KURIMU HAD FOR HER BODY TO DEVELOP CAME TO PASS AS SHE GREW OLDER!
TWITCH
EEEEYYAAA HHHH!
THAT WAS A GOOD REACTION, BUT WE COULD DO BETTER...
THE SWIMSUIT KURIMU WORE FOR PE CLASSES IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL...
...IT STILL FIT PERFECTLY WHEN SHE WAS IN HER HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR YEAR.
NOOOOOOOOOOOO!
AAAAAAAAAGH!
AND... HER TOOTHBRUSH WAS LICKED ALL OVER BY KEN SUGISAKI, THEN PUT BACK INTO ITS PLACE WITHOUT HER REALIZING.
THAT'S GOING A LITTLE TOO FAR...
HAHA, TOTALLY GOT HER!

‡ THE TABLE WAS RETURNED TO WHERE IT WAS.

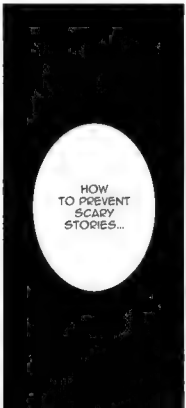
EVEN IF IT'S SAFE, PEOPLE WHO ENJOY IT A LITTLE TOO MUCH ARE STILL WEIRDOS, EVEN IF WE KIND OF GET IT...
...MOST PEOPLE AREN'T WILLING TO ADMIT IT, BUT WE ALL MUST BE A LITTLE TWISTED SINCE WE ALL ENJOY IT.

IF WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THE PSYCHOLOGICAL NEEDED TO ENJOY THE CREEPY AND UNUSUAL, THIS SCHOOL...
...NO, THE WHOLE WORLD... IS MADE UP OF A COMMUNITY OF WEIRDOS!
THAT IN ITSELF IS PRETTY SCARY WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT IT!
DON'T SAY THINGS LIKE THAT!
I LOVE SCARY STORIES, BUT I CAN'T FOR THE LIFE OF ME EXPLAIN WHY...
...AND MAYBE THAT'S KIND OF CREEPY TOO.
HMMM...

STOPPING THE SPREAD OF SCARY STORIES IS AN IMPOSSIBLE TASK.
THE MORAL OF TODAY'S STORY...

I GUESS WE DID GO A BIT TOO FAR...
LOOKS THAT WAY. PEOPLE WHO HATE SCARY STORIES *REALLY* HATE THEM.
SIGH...

SIGH.


HOW TO PREVENT SCARY STORIES...

...

SUCH IS THE INFLUENCE OF THE STUDENT COUNCIL OVER THE SCHOOL!
SUDDENLY, NO ONE IN CLASS IS TELLING GHOST STORIES ANYMORE!
SEVERAL DAYS LATER.
Meow
QUIETED DOWN INDEED.
YOU'RE RIGHT. I HAVEN'T OVERHEARD ANY AT ALL!
IT'S PROBABLY BECAUSE OF THE NEW RUMOR THAT STARTED GOING AROUND THE DAY AFTER THAT MEETING...
ERRR... NOTHING.
WHAT'S UP?
I WONDER WHY IT QUIETED DOWN SO QUICKLY?
...TWO RUMORS, TO BE PRECISE...

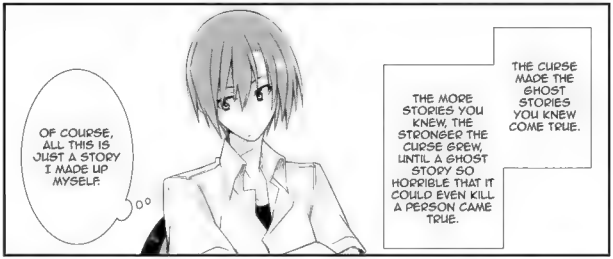
HEY, STOP SPREADING THOSE STORIES!
I CAN'T STAND HEARING THEM!
WHAT, YOU DON'T HAVE ANY COURAGE STORED UP IN THOSE GIANT BOOBS?
NO SEXUAL HARASSMENT EITHER!
THE FIRST, A GHOST STORY ABOUT "RE-ENACTING" GHOST STORIES.
HAVE YOU HEARD THE STORY ABOUT THE 2ND YEAR WASH-ROOMS?
I MEAN, WHAT IF BY SOME CHANCE THERE'S REALLY A HAUNTING GOING ON?
SHUT UP!
REALLY, WHY ARE YOU SO SPOOKED?
WHAT'S SO SCARY? IT'S ALL JUST FICTION, RIGHT?
STOP IT
RATTLE
...BUT THEY'RE ALL JUST STORIES WITH NO BASIS AT ALL, RIGHT?
?!
I KINDA KNOW THE FIFTY MYSTERIES, LIKE ABOUT THE SKELETON IN THE SCIENCE LAB PEELING THE SKIN OF INNOCENTS...
WHAT, AS IF IT'S ONE OF THE SCHOOL'S SEVEN MYSTERIES?
AWW, SO CUTE!
HEY.

HEY, YUIKA, YOU'RE NOT PLAYING WITH ME, ARE YOU?
ニヤリ…
SMIRK
NO?
SILENCE
DID... YOU JUST HEAR SOMETHING?
...
DON'T YOU SAY A WORD.
LIKE WHAT?
SQUEAK
LIKE "THE SKELETON MIGHT START LAUGHING"...
...OR "I HEARD THE SCIENCE LAB'S SKELETON MOVE"?
DON'T YOU EVEN START!

SERI-
OUSLY,
QUIT IT!
I'M
GETTING
CREEPED
OUT.
HEH
FINE,
FINE...
CLACK
...WE'RE
DONE ANYWAY,
LETS PUT
THE BROOMS
BACK AND
GO HOME.
RATTLE
UM...
?
!!
CLACK
CRACK
RATTLE
CREAK
R--
IT'S
REALLY
MOVING!!

SAYA!
SLIP
YUKA?!
I... CAN'T MOVE...!
P!
RUN AWAY!!!
GRAB
SOMETHING REAL BAD IS GOING TO HAPPEN IF WE STAY HERE!
DRAG
NO!
HELP ME!
THUMP
WHIMPER
DRAG
YUKA!!
EEK!
SLAM
バーン

RATTLE RATTLE
YUKA!!
YUKA!
CRACK CRACK
NOOOO!
SPLISH
SHLUP
YU...
N---
IF YOU KNOW ALL OF THE SCHOOL'S SEVEN MYSTERIES THERE IS A CURSE THAT WILL REALLY BEFALL YOU, AND IT EVOLVES THE SAME AS ANY OTHER GHOST STORY.
...WHERE YOU WILL BE CURSED TO "REENACT" GHOST STORIES.


OF COURSE, ALL THIS IS JUST A STORY I MADE UP MYSELF.
THE MORE STORIES YOU KNEW, THE STRONGER THE CURSE GREW, UNTIL A GHOST STORY SO HORRIBLE THAT IT COULD EVEN KILL A PERSON CAME TRUE.
THE CURSE MADE THE GHOST STORIES YOU KNEW COME TRUE.

I CAME UP WITH A NEW SCHOOL MYSTERY TO HELP THE PRESIDENT, ONE THAT WOULD MAKE ANYONE WHO WAS AFRAID OF THE CURSE STOP SPREADING RUMORS.
MAYBE A LOT OF PEOPLE REALLY WERE AFRAID...
...BECAUSE THE GHOST STORY BOOM QUIETED DOWN.

IT WAS A RUMOR ABOUT A FEMALE STUDENT WHO WENT AROUND EXORCISING GHOSTS.

I WASN'T THE ONE WHO STARTED THAT RUMOR.
I HEARD IT MYSELF AS I WAS SPREADING MY OWN STORY.
BUT IT QUIETED DOWN NOT JUST BECAUSE OF MY STORY, BUT LARGELY BECAUSE OF ANOTHER RUMOR.

AND THAT STUDENT ...
...WOULD APPEAR AT THE SCENE...
EEYAAAH!!
ZWOOM
...OF EVERY GHOST STORY...
PINCH

OH GHOST WHO LOATHES THE LIVING...
NOW I SHALL SHOW YOU THE WAY TO PARADISE.
ARE YOU HURT?
CLATTER
N... NO.
FLICKED
...AND EXORCISE THE GHOSTS
THERE YOU ARE..
...OR SO THE STORY WENT.
GYAAAA!
WHISH

AND JUDGING BY THE TYPE OF RUMOR AND THE TIME IT STARTED, IT MUST HAVE BEEN THOUGHT UP BY...
.....
MY STORY WAS INTENDED TO STOP THE GHOST STORIES... THIS RUMOR WAS LITERLY DIFFERENT, BUT STILL SEEMED TO BE INTENDED TO STOP THE CIRCULATION OF GHOST STORIES.
THE RUMOR CHANGED THE SCARY GHOST STORIES INTO ACTION-ADVENTURES INSTEAD.

WELL, BECAUSE A MYSTERIOUS HERO WHOSE FACE IS HIDDEN IS WAY COOLER, OF COURSE!
YOU SURE ARE PICKY.
HUH?
SO WHY DOES THE GIRL IN THE STORY ALWAYS WEAR A HOODIE?

WAIT, THERE'S MORE?!
A SECRET ORGANIZATION TRIES TO GET HER FOR HER POWERS, AND IT TURNS INTO A BATTLE BETWEEN HUMANS...
BUT PARTWAY THROUGH, HER FACE IS SEEN BY A STUDENT SHE'S RESCUED. AND AFTER LOTS OF OTHER ADVENTURES...

episode.4 "She can do it when she tries" is a phrase usually used for those who never try...

WHAT ARE YOU DOING, SWEETIE?

I AM PRESIDENT!
HEE HEE HEE

HEH HEH, ACTUALLY...
HEY, WHY DO YOU ALWAYS COME IN AND GRAB ME, CHIZURU?!
OH, DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT. ♥
SO, AS YOU WERE SAYING?

OH, SORRY. THAT WAS GOING TOO FAR.

OH DEAR
THAT'S UP-SETTING.
I FEEL LIKE IF YOU'D BEEN BORN A BOY, I'D HAVE BEEN ASSAULTED BY NOW...

SNUGGLE
SQUEEZE SQUEEZE
HEEEEEEEELP MEEEEEEEEE!
PAT PAT
SMOOCH

SHWIP
EVEN AS A GIRL, THAT'D BE A PIECE OF CAKE.
TWITCH
RUSTLE
WHA--
CHIZURU?!
RUSTLE

SO, WHAT WERE YOU DOING?
UH... OH YEAH.

SEE?
PIECE OF CAKE!
GLUUSHH

TA-DAAA! I'M MAKING A CAMPAIGN POSTER!
..HUH
WHY DO YOU LOOK SO INCREDIBLY UNINTERESTED?
WELL, THE POSITION IS PRACTICALLY YOURS ALREADY FOR NEXT YEAR, TOO.
WHY DO YOU THINK THAT?
MEMBERS ARE CHOSEN BASED ON THEIR SCHOOL ACTIVITIES THROUGH THE END OF APRIL, RIGHT?
WE WERE ALREADY CHOSEN FOR LAST YEAR'S STUDENT COUNCIL, AND WE HAVE MORE OPPORTUNITIES TO APPEAR BEFORE THE STUDENT BODY THAN MOST.
SO OUR ACTIVITIES STAND OUT MORE THAN THE OTHER STUDENTS'...

YOU'RE FOOLING YOURSELF, CHIZURU!
BAM
I THINK IT'S FAIR TO SAY THAT WE'RE ALMOST GUARANTEED TO BE RE-ELECTED.
THAT'S TOO OPTIMISTIC!
JAB

SO WE NEED TO PROMOTE OURSELVES TO THOSE KIDS WHO DON'T KNOW ANYTHING YET.
THE FIRST-YEARS VOTE ALMOST IMMEDIATELY AFTER JOINING THE SCHOOL.

MINATSU SHIINA
THAT WORKS JUST FINE AS OUR PROMOTION, SO I DON'T THINK YOU NEED TO DO ANYTHING YOURSELF...
I GET THAT, BUT EVERY YEAR THE NEWSPAPER CLUB PUTS OUT A SPECIAL EDITION FULL OF THE PRETTIEST GIRLS, RIGHT BEFORE THE ELECTIONS.
2008 GIRLS TO WATCH OUT FOR! SPECIAL EDITION
2007 STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT
SPECIAL EDITION
LAST YEAR'S STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT

THEN THE PREVIOUS YEAR'S STUDENT COUNCIL MEMBERS ARE USUALLY REELECTED.
SO UNLESS THERE'S A REALLY CONSPICUOUS NEW FIRST-YEAR...
...OR ONE OF THE RARE ACADEMIC POSITIONS IS FILLED...

GIGGLE
くす。

SPEAKING OF WHICH... THAT BOY MANAGED TO WORK HIS WAY UP TO THE ACADEMIC POSITION.

WHAT IS IT, CHIZURU?
NOTHING.

OH, WAIT...
EVEN IF YOU WANT TO PROMOTE YOURSELF TO THE FIRST-YEARS, THE NEWSPAPER CLUB WILL DO THAT FOR YOU...
ANYWAY...
I GUESS YOU DON'T TRUST THE NEWSPAPER CLUB, HUH?
NOPE!
LAST YEAR THE PRESIDENT OF THE NEWSPAPER CLUB PRINTED A SPECIAL COMEDIC EDITION FEATURING KUDAMU'S MISTAKES. SO NOW THE TWO ARE ARCH-ENEMIES...
AUGH! SHE KISSED ME!!

I DON'T WANT TO BE JUDGED BASED ON THAT PUBLICATION, SO I'LL MAKE MY OWN POSTERS AND PUT THEM UP IN THE HALLWAYS IN FRONT OF THE FIRST-YEAR CLASSROOMS.
I DON'T SEE ANYTHING WRONG WITH THAT.
SINCE YOU WOULDN'T BE CAUSING TROUBLE FOR ANYONE...

I'M GONNA DO IT! I'LL POST TONS OF 'EM!
POSSUMBLE
PLEASE?
...ALL RIGHT.
SO HELP ME OUT, OKAY CHIZURU?
SHE'S DRAGGING ME INTO THIS ALREADY?
OH WELL. I'LL HUMOR HER FOR MY OWN AMUSEMENT.

AHH... THERE WAS ALREADY A VICTIM BEFORE ME...
I CAN'T TAKE ANYMORE...
YOU SLEPT WORKED HARD AFTER THAT ALL NIGHTER...
THE DRAWING WILL BE REPLACED WITH A PHOTO, BUT JUST TO GET THE IMAGE RIGHT I GOT MASHIRO TO DRAW IT, SINCE HE'S SO GOOD AT ART. IT'S PRETTY GOOD, ISN'T IT?
RIGHT NOW I'M WORKING ON THE DESIGN.
CRINKLE
SO ANYWAY, LOOK!
THIS IS MY CAMPAIGN POSTER DESIGN!
BAM!
WHY A BLUE SKY?!
WHAT IS SHE SO DISTRESSED ABOUT UNDER A BLUE SKY? IT MAKES NO SENSE.
THERE'S A CLEAR BLUE SKY IN THE BACK-GROUND.
I THINK SOME LIBERTIES WERE TAKEN WITH HER BUST SIZE
SEE, THE PERSON STANDING HERE LISTLESSLY IS ME.
THAT'S A SURPRISINGLY DIRTY TACTIC FOR HER-- FALSIFYING THE IMAGE ON HER POPULARITY CONTEST POSTER.
THAT'S ABOUT AS AMBITIOUS AS IT'S POSSIBLE TO GET.
I'LL BECOME THE GOD OF A NEW WORLD!
AND MY SLOGAN IS WRITTEN BOLDLY ON THE SIDE!
BUT SHE DIDN'T SAY THAT, YA___MI DID!

I WANNA TELL HER!!
I REALLY WANT TO POINT ALL THIS STUFF OUT!
...BUT...
UNAFFILIATED.
無所属
IT LOOKS MORE LIKE SHE'S SAYING SHE'S NOT IN A CLUB.
IF SHE'S UNAFFILIATED, THERE'S NO REASON TO WRITE IT SO LARGE.
AND ON TOP THERE'S MY POLITICAL PARTY.
CUM AND VOTE FOR ME!
私に精き一票を
I SUPPOSE THEY MAY IN FACT DO BOTH OF THOSE THINGS, BUT, ERR...
AND THERE'S MY SLOGAN DOWN AT THE BOTTOM.

I KNOW, RIGHT?! NOW I JUST NEED TO TAKE THE PHOTO AND PUT IT ALL TOGETHER!
(IN TERMS OF HUMOR) IT'S PERFECT, SWEETIE! THERE'S NOTHING I WOULD CHANGE.
SPARKLE SPARKLE
HOW IS IT?!

HEH HEH!
MY PARENTS ALWAYS SAY, "SHE CAN DO THINGS WHEN SHE TRIES."
SO I DON'T NEED ANY SPECIALIZED KNOWLEDGE! IT'LL BE EASY!
OH, DO YOU KNOW HOW TO DO SPECIALIZED STUFF LIKE PHOTO EDITING?
DON'T YOU KNOW, CHIZURU?
'CAUSE I CAN DO THINGS!
THAT'S RIGHT, SWEETIE. YOU CAN DO THINGS WHEN YOU TRY. GO FOR IT!
...AND FINISH THAT POSTER SO I CAN LAUGH AT IT.
YEAH, I'LL DO IT!
OF COURSE, THAT PHRASE IS USUALLY SOMETHING YOU SAY TO A KID WHO NEVER TRIES...
NOW THAT IT'S DECIDED, LET'S GO RESERVE THE WHOLE COMPUTER ROOM!
I REALLY DON'T THINK YOU SHOULD DO THAT...
I TOLD YOU NOT TO
BOTHER ANYONE

DOLL
DOLL
OH NO! LUNCHTIME'S ALMOST OVER. WE'LL HAVE TO FINISH THIS AFTER SCHOOL, CHIZURU.
I SEE IT'S A GIVEN THAT I'M CONTINUING THIS WITH YOU.
THE TWO OF US ARE GOING TO MAKE A GREAT POSTER!
RIGHT.

AND THE NEW STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT POSITION WILL BE MINE!
... RIGHT.
(THERE'S NO WAY THEY WOULDN'T VOTE FOR SOMEONE THIS FUNNY.)

AH... BUT...

WHEN THIS IS FINISHED, THE FIRST-YEARS WON'T BE ABLE TO TAKE THEIR EYES OFF ME.
HEE HEE HEE
OF COURSE! (FOR MANY REASONS...)

NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT, I HEARD THAT THIS YEAR...
...MINATSU'S YOUNGER SISTER IS COMING.
WHAT'LL I DO IF THERE'S A SUPER CUTE FIRST-YEAR STUDENT?
...GOOD POINT.
BUT THAT'S ALL RIGHT. IF IT'S JUST MINATSU'S SISTER...
MY BLOOD IS ON FIRE!!
...I'M SURE SHE'LL BE LIKE THAT.
I THOUGHT YOU'D HEARD ABOUT HER, TOO.
URGH...
THAT'S NOT WHAT I HEARD. APPARENTLY SHE'S REALLY SHY, AND AFRAID OF BOYS.
TREMBLE

I'VE NEVER MET HER, BUT IF SHE'S MINATSU'S SISTER THEN SHE'S SURE TO HAVE A PRETTY FACE.
RIGHT...
SO THIS MIGHT MEAN THE ENTRANCE OF A NEW RIVAL.

WELL, IT'S NOT LIKELY A FIRST-YEAR WOULD SUDDENLY GET ELECTED AS STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT.
MINATSU'S SISTER... I'LL HAVE TO CHECK HER OUT.
I THINK I HEARD HER NAME WAS MAFUYU.
RIVAL MAFUYU SHIINA

I WILL NOT GIVE UP MY DIVINE THRONE TO YOU!
MAFUYU SHIINA...

...AM THE STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT!
...AH...
I...
I THINK THAT'S ONE OF THE REASONS I NEVER GET TIRED OF BEING AROUND HER.
CLICK
CLATTER CLATTER
IT MAY BE SPRING, BUT IT'S STILL COLD...
...AH-CHOO!
SHE'S GETTING HERSELF ALL WORKED UP AGAIN...
NOW I'VE GOTTA FIX THIS POSTER!
SWISH
...NOW SHE'S GETTING THIS POOR MAFUYU GIRL INVOLVED, BEFORE EVEN MEETING HER.
IT'D BE FINE IT WERE JUST KURIMU GETTING LAUGHED AT...
BUT I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THIS...
...THERE WE GO.
冬に負けない トロピカルな女
私は新世界の神に
A TROPICAL GIRL WHO WON'T LOSE TO WINTER!
I'LL BECOME THE GOD OF A NEW--

MIGHT AS WELL!
I GUESS WE SHOULD MAKE A DECENT-LOOKING POSTER.
I SUPPOSE I SHOULD ACTUALLY HELP HER OUT, AS USUAL.
PHEW...
THE ELECTION'S GONNA BE FUN, ISN'T IT?
NO.
DID YOU SAY SOME-THING?
YES... IT REALLY WILL BE.
THIS YEAR'S GOING TO BE TOUGH, BUT NEVER BORING...

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A new, more casual school life story

HELLO, ALL YOU GOOD KIDS OUT THERE!
HOW HAVE YOU ALL BEEN? IT'S ME, KURUMI, YOUR IDOL!
WHATCHA DOIN', PREZ?
OH... SUGISAKI, AND EVERY-ONE ELSE TOO!
YOU CAME AT JUST THE RIGHT TIME.
STEP
STEP
HELP ME ANNOUNCE THE START OF THE UPCOMING MANGA, STUDENT COUNCIL'S DISCRETION.
NEW SERIAL!!
Story: Sekina Aoi
Art: 10mo
Character Design: Kira Inugami

Student Council's Discretion

OH, AND YOU EVEN SLIPPED AN ANNOUNCE-MENT ABOUT THE ORIGINAL BOOKS IN THERE! GREAT JOB, CHIZURU! NEXT WE NEED TO EXPLAIN THE PLOT!
WRITTEN BY SEKINA AOI AND DRAWN BY KIRA INUGAMI, THIS IS A COMIC VERSION OF THE STUDENT COUNCIL'S DISCRETION NOVEL SERIES.
I SUP-POSE WE COULD DESCRIBE WHAT TYPE OF SERIES IT IS.
STUDENT COUNCIL MEMBERS, TELL US OF YOUR INTER-WEAVING DRAMAS!
THE TWO BOOKS, "DISCRE-TION" AND "DUPLI-CITY," ARE SELLING WELL!
ALL RIGHT, START WITH THAT.

WHY WOULD YOU THINK THAT?!
GRAB
SO IN THE MANGA VERSION, WE HAVE TO INCLUDE LOADS OF PANTY SHOTS AND SWIMSUIT SCENES, RIGHT?!
I SEE.
IN ORDER TO MAKE IT IN THE MANGA WORLD, WE CAN'T JUST BE FUNNY, WE NEED VISUAL IMPACT AS WELL!
BAM
ばん
JAB
OR DO YOU HAVE A BETTER IDEA, MADAM PRESIDENT?
UH...
IT'S A SCHOOL STORY WITH LOADS OF HOT GIRLS! WHAT ELSE WOULD THERE BE?!
COME ON, OUR POPULARITY DEPENDS ON YOU, PREZ!
WHA?! SUGI-SAKI!
THEN LET'S GET STARTED WITH SOME SERVICE SHOTS FOR M— I MEAN OUR READERS!
UMM...
B... BUT...
DON'T YOU WANT GOOD SURVEY RESULTS?
WEEN
SO THAT'S HOW IT IS, EVERYONE! PLEASE ENJOY OUR STRAIGHT-LACED MANGA, STUDENT COUNCIL'S DISCRETION!
AS LONG AS I'M HERE, I'LL MAKE SURE TO INCLUDE PLENTY OF SERVICE SHOTS (FOR ME)!
CHI
CHIZURU, EVEN YOU THINK SO?
BUT IT'S TRUE THAT KEY HIT THE NAIL ON THE HEAD...
GAH!
CUT IT OUT!
HOWEVER, I DO BELIEVE THAT IN THIS DAY AND AGE THERE'S STILL ROOM FOR A STRAIGHT-LACED WORK THAT DOESN'T RELY ON SERVICE SHOTS.
SO MOVED
CHI-ZURU...

episode.5 You have to show your feelings for people to understand them!

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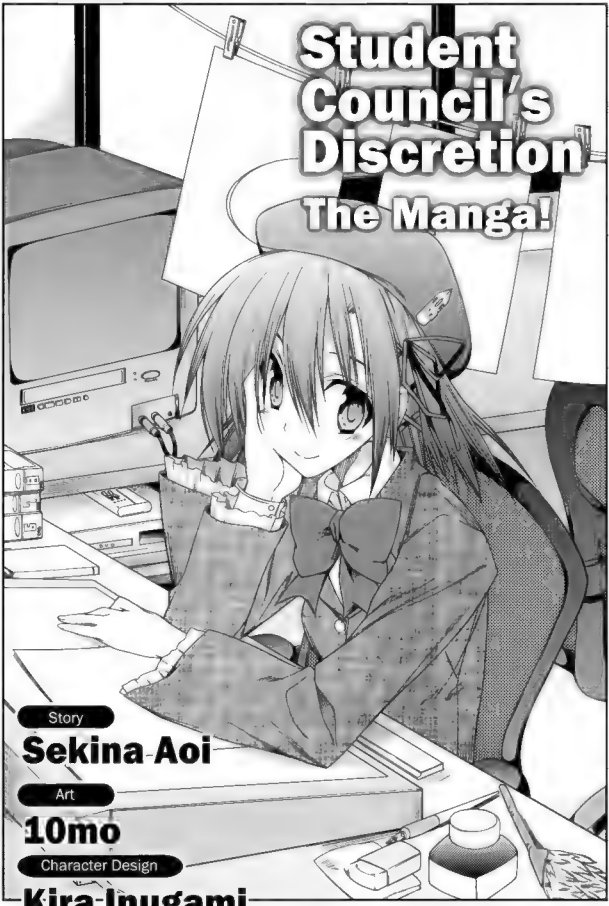
The Manga!



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"Ideas don't mean a thing unless you SHOW them!"

In her usual way, Madam President puffed out her chest, and with a self-important air, quoted a line from some book she'd read.
And so, with this abstract literary quotation, another day starts to develop in ways we can only begin to imagine.
Sending forth a surge of confidence a third greater than usual even for her, the President boldly asserted:

"And by that, I mean our student council is about to be manga-fied!"
"..."
"..."
"...!"
"Whaaaaaaaaaaat?!"

The Shiina sisters, and Chizuru, and I—everyone aside from the President—exploded in a burst of astonishment.
And yet Madame President continued to hold her ground.

"It seems you're all a bit shocked."
"O-of course we're shocked!"
"How about some praise, Chizuru?!"
"Errr... Ah, sure."

The typically cool and collected Chizuru, seemingly indecisive now that she was put on the spot, began to pat the President on top of her head as if she were a small animal. The President looked totally pleased with this situation.
I exchanged a few hushed words with Minatsu, seated next to me, and Mafuyu, who was seated across from her sister.

"Hey, Minatsu. As the Vice President... how on earth am I supposed to deal with this?"
"How should I know? I mean, I love manga enough that part of me is just as happy as Madame President seems to be... but, still..."
"Yeah... somehow I'm more nervous than hopeful. Right, sis?"
"Should we be resisting this? Who am I kidding, it's the President, right?"
"It's already decided, I guess..."
"It is what it is."
"There's no helping it. Anyway, let's proceed with the meeting. We'll try to stay optimistic."

No use complaining about something you can't change. And besides, I'm pretty wild about manga myself. I certainly wasn't upset at all to hear that we'd be creating our own work. The problem is that we're all total amateurs in that department.

After everyone had calmed down, I repeated my question to the President.

"So really, what's this all about, Madame President?"

The President responded to my question with more than a hint of arrogance:

"You need me to explain further? We're going to become a manga."
"Wait, where? And how?"
"A magazine called *Dragon Age* has already hired a manga artist."
"Oh, that must mean I won't have to be the one writing it, like with the novel?"

I felt a bit relieved. The President laughed. "Of course not, dummy!" But the fact that she did force me to write and publish that

novel before made it necessary to ask.

"I'm not looking down my nose at novels or anything, but creating a manga is going to require some actual professional skills. I've already given up hope on us being able to pull it off."

It seems she had no faith in us right from the start. We all sighed in unison.
The President cleared her throat emphatically.

"But there's no real difference between this and the novel."
"What are you talking about?"
"I'm saying we're going to portray our daily lives. So we're going to use Sugisaki's novel as inspiration."
"I see."

I felt another wave of relief wash over me. And yet I couldn't help but feel slightly uneasy.
Noticing my expression, Minatsu asked, "What's wrong?"

"It's just that, if we're going to the trouble of making a manga, why not tackle a story bigger than our regular day-to-day lives?"
"There have to be a few things we could do that a novel wouldn't be able to pull off."
"Right! Since we're going to have art, why not have everyone at the meeting in a sexy swimsuit or something?!"
"And why should we do that?"
"What's the problem, Minatsu, you'd rather be naked? How fearless of you."

"Why are those the only two options? And why would we have a naked council meeting, anyway?!"
"To catch the porn industry off guard!"
"We're not competing with them!"
"Well, since we deliberately chose to do a manga, why don't we put more emphasis on the visuals?"
"I suppose we could... But there's no reason it has to be something smutty."
"Well then, Minatsu, do you have any good ideas?"
"Of course."

A grin spread across Minatsu's face... Crap. Once she gets talking about manga theory...

"We should really amp up the fight sequences between the manga student council members!"
"Aha! I'm surprised at how well I predicted that suggestion!"
"Even though the meetings will proceed like normal, the illustrations will portray epic battle scenes!"
"Is there going to be any connection at all between dialogue and action?!"
"We'll just have sound effects like 'Boooom!' or 'Fwoosh!'"
"Yeah, but... When was the last time you heard that in a normal meeting?!"
"And every once in a while we should put in a scene where someone uses their special combo attack!"
"And people are supposed to buy that daily life in the student council room involves ultimate power techniques?"

And so I continued to debate Minatsu as we rejected each point the other one made. It seemed as though the spark of our passion set alight the fires of creativity in the other members as well.

Mafuyu raised her hand and spoke up, saying, "As a manga artist myself, I think we should increase the number of gorgeous boys in our work!"

"I'll say it again—how are these visuals going to match up with the content?!"
"We'll just have our normal meetings depicted against a backdrop of dreamy guys!"
"Where the hell are these meetings supposed to be taking place, exactly?!"
"Well, if that's no good... then why not fill it with important game data? Like having our HP and mana levels displayed next to our characters on the page!"
"And when exactly do you see those kinds of helpful game stats pop up in real life?"
"It'll be exciting for the reader to see a character reach zero HP every once in a while."
"Just who do you think is going to be dying during these meetings?!"
"And we should also have more impressive gear as a rule. Like, everyone's manga character should be wearing plate armor."
"You'd think those details would have shown up in the novel, then!"
"Well, providing this new information is what makes the manga worth reading!"
"I think you and I have different definitions of 'worth,' then."

As Mafuyu gushed forth with all of her hopes for the manga, her eyes glittered. Say what you will, you have to admit that everyone in this student council is nothing if not true to their desires.
And at long last, Chizuru spoke up.

"Manga-fication... hmm. So, how much gore should we aim to depict? Mwahaha..."

"Why are you laughing with that far-off look in your eyes?!"
"It's much easier to do shocking scenes visually, don't you think?"
"What do you imagine happening in this manga student council?!"
"The pages leading up to it will be nothing but blissful routine... but then you turn the page to find... a two-page spread in which Key does the unthinkable!"
"Are we out to traumatize our readers with this manga?!"
"It's actually intended for children."
"We'll be buried in complaints! They'll say we're corrupting the youth!"

Chizuru snickered to herself while sketching something unspeakable in her notebook. She seemed to be using only red pen for the drawing, so I avoided looking too closely for the sake of my own mental health.
With the student council members running completely off the rails with their ideas, we were hardly surprised by the next person to voice her opinion.

"Hold on! Seeing as I'm the student council President, shouldn't I have my say about now?"

Our Lolita-esque council President, Kurimu Sakurano. Once again, we find ourselves at the same point we always do. As the master of this harem, I'm pretty much obligated to act as her opponent.

"So? What kind of manga are you hoping for, Madame President?"
"For starters, it won't do if I'm not the focus of the plot. My appearance in every panel is a given."
"Even panels where you don't speak?"
"Right. And I'll also be drawn larger than all the other characters. Or the images must show my beauty from a variety of angles. And nothing but dialogue that praises me."

"Doesn't that basically just describe a vanity glamour magazine?"
"The manga me is a paragon of style, so everything ought to reflect that."
"While it seems like there's a lot for me to be excited about, why a 'paragon of style'?"
"Since that's how the artist sees me, that's how it's got to be. That's right, no helping it, nothing can be done!"
"…"

Taking my phone in hand, I dialed the editor of the Fujimi Shobo publishing company without hesitation.

"Hello? Yes, this is Sugisaki... yes. Yes, I'm calling regarding the manga project on today's agenda. Right. I'd like to speak about the artist responsible for the project... Yes. Yes, I see. About the illustration of the Council President. Ah, just as I thought. She probably pulled the old crybaby routine on the artist too, right?"

As I continued to question the editor, the President's startled look grew more and more pronounced.
Nevertheless I took the liberty of canceling all of the President's requests.

"Yes, please explain everything I've just told you to the artist. Right. 'Just draw everything as you see it.' Great... Oh, no need to thank me. Sorry to trouble you. Yes. I look forward to hearing from you again soon."

The phone beeped as I hung up. Glancing over at the President, I saw that beads of sweat were rolling down her face.
I gazed at her silently. Averting her eyes, she tried to change the subject, bursting out in a loud and desperate voice, "E-everyone! I've thought about it, and I believe we should keep the manga depiction as true-to-life as possible!"

Our Madame President, suddenly the voice of reason and responsibility. Sighing in unison once more, we all accepted that opinion without complaint. From the start, no one really expected to have their wild hopes granted. Save for our President, that is.
Chizuru raised a finger, bringing full circle that topic of conversation.

"Still, if we are wondering what to express in our manga-fied story, there's an experiment I'd like to try."
"Experiment?"

The President cocked her head to the side. Chizuru chuckled softly.

"That's right."
"For now, let's just have them illustrate the meeting we've had here today. Yes, we'll get in touch with the lead artist online, and present them with today's images. As the manga drafts are sent back in real time, why don't we proceed with the meeting?"
"Yeah!"

We all raised voices of approval at Chizuru's excellent suggestion. And so, Chizuru contacted the editor and we proceeded with her plan. We all gave our official approval with fingerprints. Somehow, everything seemed to work out.
As preparations neared completion, the President seemed to recover.
Then, as if I had been waiting in standby mode the entire time, I stood up from my chair and exclaimed loudly, "With that taken care of, let's get this started! The Student Council Manga-fication Strategy... begins!"

AH, SO THIS IS THE WORLD OF MANGA?
MAYBE IT'S OBVIOUS, BUT THIS IS VERY DIFFERENT FROM A NOVEL.
I-IT'S ALREADY BEGUN?
WOW! MY HAREM IS FINALLY IN 2D!
EVERYONE'S MANGA CHARACTER INTRODUCTIONS HAVE ARRIVED!
I SEE, WE'VE EVEN GOT OUR ROLES LISTED.
TO MAKE IT EASIER FOR FIRST-TIME READERS!
LET ME SEE!

HEYYYY!
VICE PRESIDENT 2ND YEAR, CLASS B
KEN SUBISAKI
TREASURER 1ST YEAR, CLASS C
MAFUYU SHIINA
VICE PRESIDENT 2ND YEAR, CLASS B
MINATSU SHIINA
SECRETARY 3RD YEAR, CLASS A
CHIZURU AKIBA
COUNCIL PRESIDENT 3RD YEAR, CLASS A
KURUMU SAKURANO

WHY AM I DEAD BEFORE THE FIRST STORY EVEN BEGINS?
KEY WAS CRUSHED BY A FALLING CHANDELIER...
SOB
"THE CASE FILES OF KURUMU SAKURANO - THE OPERA HOUSE MURDER CASE"?
THIS DOESN'T HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH THE COUNCIL AT ALL!
BULLY-ING!

I DON'T REALLY LIKE HORROR COMICS, BUT...
...SINCE WE WENT TO ALL THE TROUBLE OF ADDING PICTURES, SHOULDN'T WE DO MORE THAN JUST TALK?
THAT'S TRUE. IT IS A MANGA AFTER ALL..
HEY! HEY, SUBI-SAKI!

THAT'S A PRETTY FUNNY WAY OF USING VISUALS.
HEY, GET BACK TO LOOKING FROM THE FRONT!
SWEETIE, YOU LOOK PRETTY RIDICULOUS FROM THE SIDE..
WOBBLE
ふらぁん
I WANT TO TRY TOO!
HOW DO YOU LIKE MY GORGEOUS BODY?
BOOIIINNNNG
WHAT ARE YOU UP TO, MINATSU?
JUST WATCH. I'M LEAVING THIS HERE.
OKAY
ROLL ROLL ROLL
WHA?!
SLAP
WITH THIS BACK-DOOR.
HOW'S THIS?!
THAT REALLY HURTS!
NO, IT'S NOT! AND IT ACTUALLY REALLY HURTS!
GREAT, ISN'T IT?
WITH THIS, THE GLOW LOOKS WAY MORE VICIOUS.

M-ME TOO!
FLOP
A PALM-SIZED SIS!
?
SINCE THIS IS A MANGA, I'LL DO THIS!
HUH? WHAT'S SHE DOING?
NOT SURE
N-NO ONE GETS IT?!
SULK
SEEMS LIKE WE'RE FULLY IN THE MANGA SPIRIT!
SO, SHALL WE WRAP IT UP, THEN?
CLAP
WHAT?!
BUT WE HAVEN'T EVEN GOTTEN TO THE SEXY PARTS YET!
NO MATTER HOW STRONG THE DEMAND, IT AIN'T GONNA HAPPEN
DEMAND DOESN'T MATTER. DID YOU FORGET?
I'M THE STAR OF THIS PRODUC-TION.
GLINT
AS LONG AS THERE ARE PAGES LEFT...

SUGISAKI!
GET OVER HERE, KEN!
KEYYY...
SUCH IS THE POWER OF KEN SUGISAKI.
HEY SUGISAKI, WE'VE ALL BEEN WAITING...
GLINT
OH, MY FANTASIES CAN COME TO LIFE!
MALE READERS, BOW BEFORE ME!
THIS WORLD IS MINE TO...
FWOOSH
FEMALE READERS, FEAR ME!
MY FANTASIES IN THE MAIN STORY ARE EVEN MORE OUT THERE!
THE POWER OF POSITIVE THINKING...
BONDAGE PLAY? I GLADLY SUBMIT!
MAFUYU, PLEASE TIE UP KEY.
Y-... YES...
STOP IT!
SLUMP

A-ANYWAY...
HOW WAS THE MANGA VERSION OF "STUDENT COUNCIL'S DISCRETION"?
NOT ENOUGH ROUGH STUFF!
I HAVEN'T HAD ANY SCENES!
I WAS ASKING THE READERS, BUT...
IT'S OKAY, THIS IS JUST A TRIAL RUN! ONCE THE MAIN STORY STARTS YOU'LL HAVE LOTS OF GREAT SCENES AND... ROUGH STUFF...
SO, YEAH, "STUDENT COUNCIL'S DISCRETION"...
FROM ALL OF US IN THE MANGA EDITION...
...NOW APPEARING IN DRAGON AGE, TO GREAT REVIEWS!
...SEE YOU SOON!
SEE YOU SOON!

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FILLER MANGA

episode.6 I'll Progress with Each Page. That's What a Hero Does!

A Q&A TO LOOK INTO MYSTERIES OF THE PLOT IS GOOD, TOO?
OH, I PREFER TO HEAR THE AUTHOR'S THOUGHTS IN AN AFTER-WORD.
ONE OF THE PERKS OF BEING MANGA-FIED...
...IS A BONUS CHAPTER OF SIDE-STORIES, RIGHT?
I'D ASK FOR SOME CHARACTER PROFILES TO HELP IN WRITING A FAN COMIC.
NO WAY!

NIPPLE EDITS ARE WHERE IT'S AT!!
THAT'S WHAT COMICS ARE ALL ABOUT! EVERYTHING ELSE YOU CAN TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT!
...
GUH!
SMACK
OH
YEAH

I JUST SENT IN SOME LAST MINUTE SCRIPT CHANGES TO THE EDITOR.
MAFUYU, NICE!
HUH?
I DON'T LIKE EVERY J__P COMIC!
WHAT GIVES, MINATSU? I KNOW YOU'RE A T_ LOVE-RU FAN!
I LIKE ACTION STORIES!!
I AGREE WITH SUGISAKI!

I'LL JUST TAKE A QUICK LOOK, AND..
!!
I TOTALLY DIDN'T EXPECT YOU TO BE WITH ME ON THIS, BUT I'M GLAD TO HEAR IT!
HERE YOU GO, SUGISAKI! ♥

IT'S NOTHING BUT GUYS' ABS!
SHOCK
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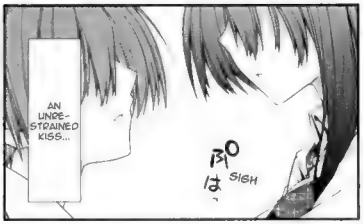
AN UNDE-STRAINED KISS...
SIGH

...I LOVE YOU...
...SHE WHISPERED TO ME...

...AS CHIZURU GENTLY UN-BUTTONED HER SHIRT, ONE AT A TIME...

THAT'S IT! I'M INVOKING MY FINAL SAY AS THE PROTAGONIST! MY FANTASY WILL BE REALIZED!
NOW WHO'S LOSING SIGHT OF THE STORY, KEY?

CRUSH
AND THE SKIN BENEATH
AND THE BLACK CHAOS OF THE 666 BEASTS LEAPT FORTH!!
CHAOS BLAST!

PULL YOURSELF TOGETHER! ASIDE FROM YOU, THIS MANGA WAS GOING JUST FINE!

PSEWWW
HEY, DON'T CUT IN ON MY NARRATION!

I'M NOT DONE YET!

I'M EVOLVING ONE PAGE AT A TIME!
DEVELOPING WITH EACH TURN OF THE PAGE!
I'LL NEVER GIVE IN!
GOOOAAS
THAT'S WHAT IT MEANS TO BE THE PROTAGONIST!
WHILE YOU WERE RAM-BLING ON, WE REACHED THE FINAL PAGE...
?!
AND WITH THAT, OUR FILLER STORY ENDS!
LOOK FORWARD TO VOLUME TWO!
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